Accomodations

The term" reasonable accomodation"is usually thought of as being associated with Title One –the employment section of the Americans with Disabilities Act. "Accomodation"is also a term used for Title Two as a means of achieving program accessibility and can consist of changes in policies or procedures, provision of auxiliary aids or services, or various other methods of assuring that programs and activities are accessible to persons with disabilities, usually without having to make structural changes. Such accommodations in an institution of higher education referred to as "academic adjustments".

A student can request academic adjustments at any time. Although the student must notify the appropriate office and provide supporting documentation that justifies the need for auxiliary aid ,students must give adequate notice to the institution has time to arrange has time to arrange for auxiliary aids. A college also may determine specific if specific requested auxiliary aids necessary. Colleges are not required to provide the most sophisticated auxiliary aids available; however, the aids provided must effectively meet the needs of a student with a disability. For example the student may request books on tape with a human voice, but receive the tapes with synthetically produced speech.

Also common to both is that requests for reasonable accommodations:

Do not need to be in writing
Do not have to use terminology
Can be requested by a family member or other advocate.
Are available to part time, full time, and probationary students or employee.
Can be followed by requests for documentation if the disability is not apparent.
Should be provided on case by case basis to meet the individual's specific needs.

Accommodations that might be given to students:
Academic accommodations (partial list):

a) Reduced course load

b) Course substitutions.

c) Alternate assignments.

(d) Flexible Scheduling.

(e) Pass –fail options versus letter grade.

(f) Determination of dean 'list status (during reduced course load).

(g) Extended time to complete degree.

h) Priority registration.

i) Note takers/readers/assistive technology

j) Study abroad access

k) Voters' registration

Exam accommodations (partial list):
Standardized test available in non- Standardized form (alternate formats or essay
a) oral for multiple –choice).

b) Isolated, quiet areas

c) Extended time

d) Individual administration

e) Alternative format

f) Use of the computer

g) Use of the calculator

h) Rest Periods

i) Spell Checkers

j) Scribes

k) Readers

l) Tape recorder

m) CCTV (to magnify material)