



Eligibility Criteria: Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

The Academy of Art University requires the following information to make informed decisions concerning academic accommodations for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Make a copy of all diagnostic reports for your own files before submitting them to Classroom Services.

General Guidelines:

- A qualified professional, such as an audiologist, must provide the most recent audiogram (hearing test) and include a report with his/her name, title, license number (if applicable), signature and the date on letterhead stationary. Classroom Services will provide students with referrals upon request.
- Documentation must be based on the current state of the condition.
- Documentation must be based on a clinical evaluation. If documentation is inadequate in scope or content, or does not address the individual's current level of functioning and need for accommodations in a post-secondary educational setting, re-evaluation may be required.
- The cost of providing the necessary documentation is the responsibility of the student, not the university.

Documentation must contain the following:

- A summary of assessment procedures and evaluation instruments used to diagnose the impairment.
- Type and severity of hearing loss; state whether it is permanent or temporary.
- A description of functional limitations related to the hearing loss, especially those related to a post-secondary educational setting.
- A description of treatments and assistive devices and their estimated effectiveness in ameliorating the impact of the hearing loss (hearing aids, assistive listening devices, etc.).
- A prognosis of the hearing loss.
- Recommendations for accommodations and support services in a post-secondary educational setting, and a rationale for each.

Accommodations and Support Services

Classroom Services, a part of the Academy Resource Center (ARC), is committed to ensuring equal access to educational opportunities for students with disabilities. Classroom Services reserves the right to request supplemental information to verify a student's current functional limitations. Once eligibility has been established in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, requests for accommodations will be reviewed each academic semester, taking into consideration the Academy of Art University's obligation to provide equal access to educational opportunities, the student's current functional limitations and current course requirements. Classroom Services will not release disability-related information without written consent from the student.