

STUDENT ACCESS & SUPPORT SERVICES (SASS)

Accessibility Services

SASS embraces disability as an aspect of diversity that is integral to the Mills community. Accessibility Services is a SASS resource office dedicated to ensuring campus access and inclusion for all students with disabilities.

We currently work with more than 200+ students with either temporary or permanent physical, psychological, health, learning, or sensory disabilities. Any student with a documented disability who feels their disability may impact academic success may be qualified to receive accommodations.

Accommodations are resources and supports that enable qualified students with a disability to have an equal opportunity to benefit from and have access to classroom and campus programs. Our office works cooperatively with other university departments to provide accommodations for students in and out of the classroom. These may include auxiliary aids and services, assistive technology, note-taking resources, and housing and dining support.

If you identify as having a disability and would like to explore accessibility resources, please complete the online application (<https://bear.accessiblelearning.com/Mills/ApplicationStudent.aspx>). You will have the option to upload and submit documentation to your application. Documentation should be completed by a qualified professional, such as a physician or mental health provider. Please let us know if there are any barriers to receiving or providing documentation.

Accessibility Services will reach out to schedule a welcome meeting after your application is received. All accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis in dialog with the student. Please contact Accessibility Services (access@mills.edu) with any questions.

Support Services

Support Services (SASS) was developed to ensure students are provided with inclusive and accessible resources to support their experience at Mills College. SASS works in partnership with students as they navigate various physical, academic, and social-emotional barriers and works to address the needs of students with concerns around transition, adjustment, and other student success matters.

SASS also provides support to students experiencing or causing distress in the campus community. We work collaboratively with campus and community partners to ensure our students are connected with support services on and off-campus. Our Case Management team provides assessment, consultation, collaboration, and intervention with and for students in collaboration with staff and faculty.

If a student is navigating any extenuating circumstance that is impacting their academic performance and success, contact our office at support@mills.edu to learn about our support services and options. Students wishing to take a leave of absence or withdraw from the college can reach out to leaves@mills.edu to receive more information.

SASS is committed to retaining students and connecting with those returning from leaves.

Some reasons you would contact SASS:

- ADA provided academic, physical, dining accommodations
- Experienced or witnessed a traumatic event
- Personal, medical, or health challenge
- Leave of absence or withdrawal process
- Report or support with a complaint/grievance
- Navigating resources on/off-campus
- Support with consultation on access needs
- Coordinating support with staff and faculty
- Navigating the grievance and complaints process

For more information, visit Student Access and Support Services (<https://inside.mills.edu/academic-resources/advising-tutoring-accessibility/student-access-support-services/>) or email sass@mills.edu