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ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) 2010 AMENDMENT

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REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973: 504, 508

It is the policy of the Sonoma County Junior College District to provide equal educational opportunities for students with disabilities in accordance with all applicable laws. The Disability Resources Department assists students with disabilities in securing appropriate instruction and academic accommodations. To ensure equality of access for students with disabilities, academic accommodations shall be provided. For each student, academic accommodations shall specifically address those functional limitations of the disability which adversely affect equal educational opportunity. When the severity of the disability of an otherwise qualified student precludes successful completion of a course required for a major or certificate from Santa Rosa Junior College, or despite an earnest effort on the part of the student to complete the course and despite provision of academic accommodations, a course substitution or waiver of the course requirement shall be considered. The provision of accommodations shall not lower academic standards, fundamentally alter a course, or reduce the essential content or complexity of a course.

DEFINITIONS:

Course Accommodation is an adjustment that serves as a bridge between the functional limitations of a student's disability and the curriculum and services of the college. Examples of adjustments include adapted furniture, note taking services, technological accommodations, the use of auxiliary aids, extended test time and sign language interpreters. The student is afforded the opportunity to acquire information and be evaluated in a manner allowing full demonstration of his/her knowledge of the subject.

Course Requirement Alteration is an accommodation in which an alternate means of fulfilling the course or program requirements.

Course Substitution is the replacement of a required course with an approved alternative course for completion of the ~~major~~ degree or certificate. The substituted course must provide concept mastery comparable to that of the required course.

Course Waiver is the elimination of a required course from the major or certificate requirements.

An otherwise qualified student is a student with a disability who meets the academic standards required for participation in the course, program, or activity. Accommodations allow the student with a disability to demonstrate that she or he meets those standards.