
COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY
Off-Campus Programming and Internships

Policy Name: Off-Campus Programming and Internships

Policy Owner: Center for Accommodation and Access

Responsible University Office: Center for Accommodation and Access

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Related Policies: Evacuation Guidelines, Attendance and Students with Disabilities, Disability Services and Accommodations Procedures, Grievance Procedure and Students with Disabilities, Personal Attendant, Physical Accommodations, Service Animals, Services to Students (SSD) Record Retention Policy, Temporary Disabilities, Testing Administration Procedures, and Emotional Support Animal

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF POLICY

This document outlines the responsibilities and limitations of CSU, the Center for Accommodation and Access, students with disabilities, and sponsoring programs, as it relates to off-campus programming and internships.

III. DEFINITIONS

The definition of “**disability**” in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, P.L. 101-336 (July 26, 1990), as amended by P.L. 110-325 (September 25, 2008) draws substantially from existing legislation, namely Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. The ADA defines disability with respect to an individual, as:

- a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such an individual
- a record of such an impairment; or

- being regarded as having such impairment.

"**Major life activities**" is defined as an individual being limited in his or her ability to perform such functions as self-care, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, neurological, digestive, or respiratory.

IV. **POLICY SECTION**

When any Columbus State University related programs or activities are held in private facilities, thorough efforts should be made to obtain facilities that are accessible. The program sponsor has the responsibility for ensuring that access is provided. The Center for Accommodation and Access can assist the program sponsor in this effort.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act requires that internships and field placements as a whole be accessible to students with disabilities. Every effort should be made by the program sponsor to seek out accessible internship sites that would provide students with comparable educational experiences.

Students should take the initiative and assist in seeking out internship sites that are accessible. Students can seek assistance in advocacy from the CAA.

V. **RELATED BOARD OF REGENTS' POLICIES**

4.1.5 Students with Disabilities

VI. **LINKS**

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