

AccessAbility

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Your DASS Link login: <https://smu-accommodate.symlicity.com/sso/students/login>



TOPICS

- CHANGES TO PROCTORED TESTS
- MEET THE DASS TEAM
- SEMESTER REQUESTS
- WANTED: SNL LEADERS

WELCOME MUSTANGS!

For all our new DASS students to campus, our **AccessAbility** newsletter is meant to be a message board for our students. When it arrives in your inbox, take a few minutes to open and read so you are aware of DASS updates

Meet the DASS Team 2 New Staff!

Alexa Taylor, Director of DASS

Alexa supervises the other 5 full-time staff, collaborates with departments and faculty members on accommodation issues, reviews and revises operational processes, and handles special projects for DASS. She has been with SMU for 21 years.

Michelle Bufkin, Senior Accommodations Coordinator
Michelle primarily reviews accommodation requests from students with LD or ADHD. She is also a certified academic language therapist, and has been with SMU for 12 years.

Jeanna Turay, Accommodations Coordinator
Jeanna primarily works with students with medical conditions. If you worked with Karen Turbeville, you likely will be assigned to Jeanna for any future needs. Welcome her to DASS!

Robin Corbett, Accommodations Coordinator
Robin primarily works with students with psychological conditions. If you worked with Tomasine Sam, you likely will be assigned to Robin for any future needs. Welcome her to DASS!

David Tylicki, Senior Learning Specialist
David primarily provides academic counseling and coaching to students with learning and attention disorders, assisting them with goal setting, time management, self-awareness and advocacy skills. He has been at SMU for 10 years.

Candy Brown, Administrative Assistant
Candy handles all accommodation requests and correspondence coming to DASS. She has been with SMU for 10 years.

CHANGE IN TEST PROCTORING PROCEDURES!!

SMU has initiated the opening of the **University Testing Center (UTC)**, to provide support to faculty who need assistance administering tests for students with test-taking accommodations. **UTC** will be open starting in Fall 2022 and please review their website in August to become familiar with their office policies and procedures. Instructors are still expected to proctor as many students as possible. However, *if your instructor directs you to take your accommodated test with the UTC, here are some important points:*

- ***UTC** is located in the basement of CLEMENTS HALL (near Hughes-Trigg Student Center)
- *The accessible entrance is on the west side of the building, then proceed to the elevator to access the basement level
- *You will schedule the proctored test through DASS Link
- *Students are still expected to submit their request for proctoring at least 7 days in advance of the test, but seats are limited and may fill up before the deadline.
- *The **UTC** is not managed/supervised by DASS staff so any concerns or issues with test proctoring at the **UTC** should be discussed with **UTC** staff
- ***EXCEPTION:** For DASS students with more unique proctoring needs (a reader or a scribe, for example), you will likely be proctored with DASS staff if needed. Please consult the DASS office for confirmation.

SEMESTER REQUESTS = ACCOMMODATION LETTERS

Now is the time to submit a "Semester Request" for the classes you are enrolled in for the fall. Here is the DASS Link login that will take you to your home page:

<https://shibboleth-smu-accommodate.symlicity.com/sso/>

This is very important: Review your request by scrolling through every approved accommodation listed and **only have checked the classes you are going to be enrolled in for the fall.** 2 reasons:

- 1) You only want a letter sent to the professors that will have you in their class.
- 2) It will expediate the approval of your letter being sent to you and your professors.

***** It is still the student's responsibility to reach out to their instructor and discuss their accommodation needs after sharing the letter in DASS Link.**

Welcome Back Mustangs!

Looking to get involved ??

Students for New Learning is looking for interested students to take on leadership roles in a student organization whose mission is to provide information, resources, and networking opportunities for SMU students with ADHD and learning differences.

It's a great way to meet new people and share experiences.

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