# **Providing Services in an Inaccessible Space**



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**Policy Summary** 

Procedure for making services/programs/activities accessible to all qualified individuals regardless of their physical abilities when the services/programs/activities are housed, even temporarily, in an inaccessible space.

Policy Owner	Approval Date	Effective Date
<b>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</b>	October 7, 2015	October 7, 2015

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#### **Policy Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became a law in 1990. Some areas on the campus remain inaccessible for various reasons.

ADA requires that all services/programs/activities, not all buildings and spaces, must be accessible for all people. Therefore, when the College provides services/programs/activities from a space that is not accessible (e.g., the second floor of the Miller Student Services), alternatives to structural changes may be provided in order to achieve accessibility to services/programs/activities. The alternative should pose as few obstacles, as feasible, to the individual who is seeking services/programs/activities; however, an accessible location can be in the same building or another building.

An example of a reasonable accommodation is:

• Provide signs outside the inaccessible space directing people to a phone line or an accessible space where they can obtain the information and/or receive the services/programs/activities they seek.

When choosing a method of providing program access, priority must be given to the one that results in the most integrated setting appropriate to encourage interaction among all users, including individuals with disabilities.

## **Reason for Policy**

If a building or a space in a building is inaccessible, even temporarily, the services/programs/activities housed in the inaccessible space must provide an alternative way to provide the services.

## Responsibilities

For following policy: All cost center directors

For enforcement of policy: Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President for

Finance and Administration

For oversight of policy: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

For notification of policy: Policy Librarian

**For procedures implementing policy:** President, Provost, Vice President for Finance & Administration, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Vice President for Advancement

#### **Revision History**

This policy was originally approved in July 1991 and revised July 1998 as "5-9 Accessibility Procedures - Residence Life." This replacement policy expands the scope to all service/programs/activities and provides guidance on providing reasonable accommodations.