

MUSKINGUM

UNIVERSITY

**PLUS Program
for College Students
with Learning Differences**

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PROGRAM

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60.9

College Consensus

51.6

Publisher Consensus

70.3

Student Consensus

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Muskingum University has many offerings that cater to students with learning differences, most of which emerge from the [PLUS Program](#). Since 1983 the PLUS Program has been in place to provide students with documented learning disabilities opportunities to gain academic and personal support. Their website offers their unique set of values that state the fact that they aim to empower rather than rescue students. They have many programmatic offerings that are fee-based. Students can opt for the Premier Program and get up to 5 hours of one-on-one tutoring with a professional. Every level, however, provides students with mentorship and progress tracking services. Students will collaborate with staff to find the accommodations and learning tools that will help shape an effective academic and ultimately a career path for them. The three tiers that the PLUS Program offers are called Premier, Select, and Transitional services. The intensity of the program is chosen by the student, and can be changed throughout their academic experience.



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Disability Education Office (DEO)

Provides **federally mandated reasonable accommodations** to qualified students with permanent and temporary disabilities to support **participation in all aspects of college life** in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



**DISABILITY
EDUCATION OFFICE**

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Learning differences include:

- Learning disability
- ADHD
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Any other documented disability that creates a learning difference



4 Levels of PLUS Services to Meet Students' Needs

Services	PREMIER	SELECT	TRANSITIONS	CONNECTIONS
	Comprehensive academic support to foster success	Less frequent academic support to foster success	Transition from high school to college OR from college to career	Communication and social skills to foster success
PLUS Professional Learning Consultants	•	•	•	•
Strengths-based	•	•	•	•
Academic monitoring	•	•	•	•
Academic planning	•	•	•	•
Academic support and strategies	•	•		
Course content tutoring using various learning modalities	•	•		
Executive functioning	•	•	•	•
Self-advocacy	•	•	•	•
Communication/ social skills				•
Independent living				•
Peer mentoring				•
Career planning/ preparation			•	
Transition support	•	•	•	•
Individual Consultation with Staff	Maximum of 5 hours per week	Maximum of 3 hours per week	Maximum of 1.5 hours per week	Maximum of 3 hours per week



Professional Learning Consultants (LC's)

- Hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree
- **Customize learning strategies** for students who learn differently
- **Monitor** students' academic performance
- **Collaborate** with instructors, academic advisors, and students' families



LEAP Program (formerly Early Connection Program)

- Held **two weeks** before Fall Semester begins
- For **first-year** students
- Support **transitioning** to MU
- Opportunity to experience a 3-credit **college course** which fulfills a General Education requirement
- Learn skills and experience technology which will **support success** in college



Disability Education Office (DEO)

- Ensures **equal access** to students with qualified disabilities
- Students must **request accommodations**
- Reviews submitted disability documentation and determines reasonable accommodations
- Supports students developing **self-advocacy skills**
- **Advocates for students** with course instructors in regards to accommodations



Students are **not** required to participate in the PLUS Program to receive accommodations through DEO.



Examples of Accommodations

Academic:

- Alternate format course materials
- Alternate format textbooks
- Access to class notes
- Record class
- Preferred seating
- Large font materials

Testing:

- Extended time
- Distraction reduced environment
- Reader
- Scribe
- Computer
- Calculator
- Speech-to-text



Housing:

- Emotional support animals
- Single room





Assistive Technology



Reader:

- Window's Narrator
- Mac Accessibility
- ChromeVox
- ReadAloud 
- Speechify 




Alternate Format of Course Materials:

- Vital Source 
- OpenDyslexic 






Scribe:

- Window's Speech Recognition
- Mac Voice Diction
- Chromebook Diction
- Dictation.io 
- Dragon Anywhere 

Class Notes/Recording:

- Sonocent 
- Glean 
- OneNote 

Executive Functioning:

- Any.do 
- MyStudyLife 
- AppBlock 
- Grammarly 
- Accessibility features built into Microsoft 365 

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