

Reading Services

Reader services are provided for students who are print-impaired, whether the impairment is the result of a visual disability, other physical disability, or reading disability. Please be aware that the coordination of reader services requires advance notice; you can help us by ordering your textbooks at least one (1) month before the start of the term, preparing your course syllabus prior to the start of the term, and announcing reading assignments well in advance of the due date. It is the students' responsibility to contact you as soon as possible after registering for a class. Students may also contact the department secretary for a copy of the syllabus and the textbook requirement for the course. Students will request a list of reading material, syllabus, and textbooks that are required for the course. Reader services include the following:

Textbooks on tape: Many textbooks are available on tape through Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D). At least 10-15 working days are required for receipt of these tapes.

E-text: This is an alternative print format that comes directly from the publisher and is a requirement by law under Assembly Bill No. 422. It is an electronic file and is used for educational purposes only. The material is copyrighted and cannot be reproduced or distributed. It takes approximately 2 to 4 weeks to receive e-text from the publisher.

Paid readers: DRS provides student readers for students who qualify for books on tape/e-text, which cannot be obtained from RFB&D or via e-text. Reader services take approximately 5-7 working days for each reading assignment.