



## Students with a Disability in KIN Courses

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Consistent with the policies of Michigan State University, the Department of Kinesiology conducts all courses, programs, and activities without discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, creed, national origin, political persuasion, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, or age. The educational needs of students with a disability are given particular attention in this policy.

### **Suggestions for Students with a Disability**

The following sources of information will be helpful when determining whether to enroll in a KIN course, especially activity courses (KIN 101 through KIN 108). The KIN course descriptions in the [MSU Course Descriptions](#) book will help determine whether course content is appropriate for the student's needs. The [MSU Schedule of Courses](#) book provides information on the location of courses. Students with a disability should consider whether these facilities and outdoor fields are sufficiently accessible and accommodating to permit successful participation.

A student with a disability who needs accommodation(s) can help by notifying both the Department of Kinesiology (355-4730) and the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (353-9642) of her/his enrollment in the KIN course at the time of enrollment. This permits the department to: (a) relocate the course in an accommodating facility if necessary; (b) help the student to identify a personal assistant if needed; and (c) provide some in-service help, if needed, to the faculty member or graduate assistant who is teaching the course. Advance notice also facilitates communication between the Department of Kinesiology and the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities.

Students with a disability (like all students) are responsible for providing custom/personal sports equipment (e.g., eye-protection goggles in racquet sports, flotation gear for swimming, gloves or special grip devices in paddle sports) that is needed in activity courses.

### **Accommodating Students with a Disability**

The Department of Kinesiology will facilitate participation by students with a disability in KIN courses by:

- Offering or relocating courses in accommodating facilities.
- Helping students with a disability to identify personal assistants in physical activity courses when needed. Although the Department is willing to help, the provision of personal assistants in activity courses is a responsibility of the student with a disability. Often potential personal assistants can be located through the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (353-9642 voice/TTY), the Service Learning Center (353-4400), or courses in adapted physical activity or therapeutic recreation. Volunteers who wish to serve as personal assistants can earn academic credit through KIN 466, Practicum in Adapted Physical Activity (contact [Dr. Gail M. Dummer](#)).
- Providing consultation and assistance to faculty members as needed.

Students, advisors, and faculty may contact the KIN Department Office at 355-4730 for assistance.

## **Suggestions for Faculty Members and TAs**

Never make assumptions about the abilities of a person with a disability based upon the individual's label or characteristics. Communicate directly with the student about his/her abilities and about the accommodations needed to provide program accessibility and to facilitate successful academic performance.

If you are ever unsure of your responsibility, or of the appropriate response in a specific situation, consult these resources:

- MSU Disability Resources and Services..... <http://www.msu.edu/current/disability.html>
- Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities..... (517) 353-9642
- [Dr. Gail M. Dummer](#) (about KIN courses only) ..... (517) 355-4744

Use the [Michigan Relay Center](#) (1-800-649-3777) or 711 to communicate with students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.