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POLICY

Students of Determination

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the guiding principles by which Zayed University supports Students of Determination by providing equal educational opportunities at the University.

2. Application

This policy applies to all Zayed University students, faculty, and staff.

3. Definitions

Accommodation	Modifying and adapting programs, services, and facilities, ensuring they are accessible and useable by Students of Determination.
Assistive Technology	Any item, piece of equipment, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.
Disability	Any condition connected to the body and learning that affects the person's ability to do certain activities and interact with the world around them.
Impairment	A disability that entails a person's diminished body structure/function, or learning functioning.
Learning Difficulties	For the purpose of this document learning difficulties include but are not limited to Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dysgraphia, Dyspraxia, ADHD, Autism Spectrum, and memory challenges.
Physical Disabilities	For the purpose of this document physical disabilities include but are not limited to blind, low vision, hearing impaired, deaf, and impaired physical capacity, stamina, or dexterity.
Provost	Provost and Chief Academic Officer
SAS	Student Accessibility Services Department
Students of Determination	Students with physical disabilities and/or learning difficulties.

Universal Design (UD)	The process of designing all products and the built environment to be aesthetic and usable to the greatest extent possible by everyone, regardless of their age, ability, or status in life.
Universal Design for Learning (UDL)	A framework to use and optimize teaching and learning for all students.
University	Zayed University

4. Policy

Zayed University (“**University**”) is committed to providing equal educational opportunities to Students of Determination in accordance with Federal Law no. 29 of 2006 In Respect of the Rights of People with Disabilities.

- 4.1 The University has established the Student Accessibility Services Department (“**SAS**”) with offices on the University campuses in Dubai and Abu Dhabi to be the contact points for all matters regarding Students of Determination.
- 4.2 Students are encouraged to disclose a disability when they are admitted to the University or at any time throughout their University life. Students of Determination must register with the Student Accessibility Services Department to be entitled to all the support services provided.
- 4.3 SAS will work with all University departments to ensure that their services are accessible to Students of Determination.
 - 4.3.1 SAS will collaborate with the Campus Physical Development and Services Department to ensure that all physical facilities on the University campuses are accessible to all University students.
 - 4.3.2 SAS will collaborate with all academic units and encourage them to work closely with the department so that appropriate academic support can be provided to Students of Determination.
 - 4.3.3 SAS will collaborate with all University departments to ensure all services and resources are accessible to Students of Determination.
- 4.4 Students of Determination are expected to reach University academic standards and will be allowed to use alternative methods, inclusive of assistive technology, whenever necessary, to achieve equitable educational opportunities.
 - 4.4.1 SAS will enhance the in-class educational experience of Students of Determination by providing the necessary reasonable accommodation when available.
 - 4.4.2 SAS will provide course materials and exam accommodation to enable registered Students of Determination access to all courses provided by the University.
- 4.5 SAS will provide the appropriate training for faculty and staff in line with the Universal Design for Learning to enhance the support for Students of Determination.

5. Related Policies and Laws

- Federal Law no. 29 of 2006 “In Respect of the Rights of People with Disabilities”
- Dubai Inclusive Education Policy, 2017

6. Administration

This policy is administered by SAS.

7. Revision History

Date	Revision	Ver.
13 September 2024	Chair of the Board’s Decision issued (#22 of 2024).	
22 August 2024	Approved by ARSAC (BOT).	4.0
6 April 2022	Endorsed by the Provost’s Council and Academic Council by circulation.	
18 October 2021	Endorsed by the Deans’ Council.	
16 May 2021	Endorsed by the SASC subject to minor revisions to the Definitions.	
18 March 2021	Changed name to Students of Determination and revised to consider new terminology and best practices for Students of Determination.	
12 December 2019	Updated the numbering format.	
12 October 2017	Approved by the University Council.	3.0
15 January 2003	Policy revised.	2.0
1 October 2000	New policy approved.	1.0