

UNIVERSAL DESIGN

References: *42 U.S. Code Sections 12181 and 12182*

The mission of Southwestern College is to meet the educational goals of its students in an environment that promotes intellectual growth and develops human potential.

In order to provide an accessible education that develops the human potential of all its students, Southwestern College shall comply with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and conform to the principles of Universal Design in Education (UDE) as defined by the Center for Universal Design at North Carolina State University: “the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.” Promoting the values of diversity and inclusion, UDE recognizes the full spectrum of user abilities and thus benefits all members of the Southwestern College community.

This policy applies to, but is not limited to, the following:

- Instruction
- Student Services
- Facilities
- Institutional Technology
- Public Information
- Other campus goods, services, and environments