The center accommodates registered DS students by providing appropriate technology and services. This is a partial listing of what is available:

- Alternative formats of printed materials:
  + DAISY Talking Books
  + PDF files
  + MSWord files
- Advanced spell check and grammar check
- Testing alternatives
- Voice-recognition software (Dragon Naturally Speaking)
- Screen-reading software (JAWS)
- Touch-screen and large-screen monitors
- Large-key keyboards
- Braille printing and labeling
- Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software
- Electronic whiteboards with print capability

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**
(area code 803 unless otherwise indicated)

**ON CAMPUS**
- Academic Success Center 641-3297
- Career Services 641-3440
- Counseling Center 641-3609
- Disability Services 643-6816
- Intercultural Programs 641-3442
- Language Learning Center 641-3791
- Math Learning Center 641-3470
- Pacer Commons Office 641-3790
- Pacer Crossings 644-2170
- Pacer Downs Office 641-3768
- Peer Educators 641-3586
- Student Involvement 641-3412
- Student Health Center 641-2840
- Tutoring Services 641-3297
- University POLICE (off-campus telephone) 648-4011
- University POLICE (campus telephone) 6111
- Wellness Center 641-3641
- Writing Room 641-3262

**OFF CAMPUS**
- Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center 641-7700
- Aiken Center 649-1900
- Aiken County Health Dept. 642-1687
- Aiken Pregnancy Care Center 642-3949
- Aiken Regional Medical Center 641-5000
- Alcoholics Anonymous 649-1509
- Ask-A-Nurse 800-476-7378
- Aurora Pavilion 641-5900
- Bradford Health Systems 800-891-9673
- Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons 649-0480 or 641-4162
- Help Line (24-hour Crisis Hotline) 648-9900
- Margaret J. Weston Community Health Ctr. 648-4744
- Planned Parenthood (Augusta) 706-724-5557
- Serenity Behavior Health System 706-432-4800

If you need this information in an alternative format, please contact the Office of Disability Services at (803) 643-6816.
The Office of Disability Services ("DS") provides services and reasonable accommodations to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students who have disabilities. Our mission is to provide students with disabilities equal access to the services, programs and activities of the University so that they may, as independently as possible, meet the demands of University life. By providing information and services, DS encourages and empowers students to reach their full potential as they work toward their educational goals.

DS works with students and faculty members to coordinate accommodations and services in the classroom. Additionally, DS provides information on transitioning from high school to college, and offers assistance to faculty through a variety of training and in-service opportunities. DS arranges academic adjustments and accommodations for students as mandated under the American with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

To be eligible for services, students must provide medical documentation that provides information about a substantial limitation to one or more major life activities, specifically as it applies to meeting the demands of University life, in and out of the classroom. Although some disabilities do not change over time, the medical documentation must address the student’s current level of functioning. IEP’s and 504 Plans, although providing historical evidence of services and accommodations, are generally not considered sufficient to make a student eligible for services. However, in all situations, every student will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The University has made a commitment to assure equal access for our students who have disabilities. In addition to the many accommodations taking place daily in classrooms across the campus, the University provides an Assistive Technology Center equipped with computer access for students registered with the disability services office, electronic readers, alternative media formats, accessible seating, and modified software and hardware for computer access.

Application for Services

A student must first meet the general admission requirements for the University. A student with a disability must self-identify by writing, calling, or going to the DS Office. The DS Office will then provide a DS registration packet to complete and return. Medical documentation from a licensed/qualified professional is also required. Upon receipt of the completed application and the medical documentation, the DS Coordinator will conduct a review of the materials to determine whether or not the student meets eligibility for accommodations. An appointment is scheduled by the DS Coordinator to review the student’s application and to review needs of the student. Services will begin after the meeting is held, an accommodation plan is developed and appropriate faculty signatures are obtained. For further information regarding the application procedure, please contact the Office of Disability Services at (803) 641-3609 or visit www.usca.edu/ds.

Student Accommodations May Include:

- Alternative Testing
- Modified Course Schedules
- Note-taking Services
- Accessible Materials and Services
- Use of the Assistive Technology Center
- Adaptive Technology in the Classroom
- Priority Classroom Seating
- Priority Registration