Mission Statement
The mission of The Margaret A. Staton Office of Disability Services is to provide persons with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the programs and services offered through Georgia State University by assuring physical and programmatic access.

Executive Summary
The Office of Disability Services (ODS) provides services and accommodations to assist students, faculty, and staff in achieving their educational, instructional, and employment objectives.

Some of the services and accommodations provided are:

- Distance intake appointments via telephone and Collaborate
- Academic testing accommodations such as extended time (includes online classes)
- Distraction-reduced testing environment.
- Use of assistive technology including CCTV, digital recorders, computer screen magnification, assistive listening devises, note-taking devices, and various software packages such as voice dictation, screen and text readers.
- Sign language interpreters and closed captioning
- Volunteer note-takers
- Alternate text formatting for print materials.
- Priority registration.
- Advocacy with faculty to assure appropriate academic accommodations.
- Referral and liaison within and outside the university.
- Academic coaching and learning strategies.
- Disability-related training and consultation for faculty and staff.
- Assisting supervisors and employees with disabilities to determine and implement reasonable accommodations in the workplace.
- Resource for information on architectural guidelines and physical barrier removal.
- ADA/504 compliance and accessibility matters.
- Scholarships to qualified students who are registered with ODS.
- Other individually determined accommodations.

Annual Department Major Events/Traditions
Fall Semester
- Workforce Recruitment Program federal internships for students with disabilities
- Disability Awareness Days campus event to increase awareness, understanding, and acceptance of disability
- Career Series for students with disabilities to learn job seeking skills in partnership with University Career Services

Major New Initiatives Implemented Within the Last Five Years
- Lunch and Learn Series for students with disabilities to acquire learning and academic skills as well as obtain post-graduation information
- Compensated note takers
- Utilizing learning management system (Desire2Learn/Collaborate classroom) to provide instructional materials in alternate format and conduct distance intake appointments

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