The Office of Accessibility Resources & Services (OARS) wishes to welcome you to the rich and diverse community here at UNCG! We value the richness of the culture at UNCG which has been made possible through the varied backgrounds, identities, and strengths each person brings. This diversity creates and environment in which students, faculty, employees, and community members expand horizons and develop competency for the future.
What is OARS?

OARS is here to coordinate and implement appropriate accommodations and services.

We serve incoming and continuing UNCG students with documented conditions which impact academics, on-campus housing, or other areas of campus life.
Examples of Qualifying Conditions

Some examples of qualifying conditions may include:

- ADHD
- Emotional, Physical, Medical, Mental and/or Health Conditions
  - Major Depressive Disorder, PTSD, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, BiPolar, etc.
  - Lupus, Cystic Fibrosis, etc.
  - Schizophrenia, Borderline Personality Disorder, etc.
- Temporary Conditions (Concussion, Broken Bone, etc.)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Learning Disorder in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Central Auditory Processing
- Sensory Impairment
  - Deaf, Hard of Hearing,
  - Blind, and/or Visually Impaired
- Other diagnosed conditions
Possible Accommodations/Services

Reasonable and appropriate accommodations/services are determined through an interactive process with the student, based on the documentation of the disability, and may include:

- Testing accommodations: extended time/reduced-distraction
- Note-taking technology during lectures
- Weekly or “as needed” meetings to discuss issues related to communicating, living, and learning as a student with a disability
- Interpreters for those who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Select assistive technology checkout & training
- Assistance ensuring classrooms are accessible
- Other reasonable and appropriate accommodations/services
How Would I Register with OARS?

To register with OARS as a student with a disability, please follow these steps:

1. Gather your documentation (for information on what documentation we can use, CLICK HERE and go to the section for your disability).
2. Go to the OARS website (link on next slide), read through the information, and click on the large yellow button in the middle of the page entitled "Voluntary Disclosure Form." This will take you to an online form. Be sure to complete all the required information. At the bottom of that page, there will be a spot where you may....
3. Upload your documentation, then click Submit.

After we receive that VDF and review the documentation you have submitted, we will send an email to your UNCG email account with further information.
Without further ado, here is the link to Register with OARS - or you may copy/paste this into your web browser:
https://ods.uncg.edu/student-services/register/

While you may register with OARS at any point during a semester, we encourage students to register with us early!
Would I Ever Use OARS?

During your time at UNCG, you may decide to reach out to us, and we are here for you at any point during a semester or at any point in your academic career. If you suffer a concussion, diagnosed with a new condition, or are unsure if you have a disability, we will be happy to meet with you to explore if you may qualify to register and if you need accommodations/services to have an equal opportunity to access and participate in the rigors of your academics.

We consider each student on an individual basis and our services and records are kept confidential and separate from school records.
Questions?

If you would like more information, or have any questions, feel free to reach out to OARS! We are here throughout the Summer and we look forward to seeing all of our new Spartans in the Fall!

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If you forget everything else in this presentation, know this:

- Most students registered with OARS have no visible disability. If you are attending class, taking notes, earnestly studying, and know the material but still earning poor grades, consider talking to OARS.
- Reaching out to OARS and utilizing appropriate accommodations demonstrates the purest qualities of Independence, Competence, and Mastery over your own life.

“Being Independent” has never meant that one must do everything alone. “True Independence” means getting the job done through hard work AND coordinating appropriate assistance!