

STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Dante Alighieri Siena welcomes applications from students with learning disabilities.

Students with disabilities (e.g. visual impairment, emotional, mental, physical or learning disabilities etc.) who receive support services at their home-campus are requested to inform DA Siena as soon as possible. The same learning support may not be available at DA Siena. As always, advance planning is important in order to ensure the best possible experience abroad. Dante does it's best to make all practical and reasonable adjustments to ensure students are able to fully participate in the programs.

If you are a student with a diagnosed disability, the school will need recent, detailed medical and/psychological documentation of the disability to be accommodated in order to determine feasible and appropriate recommendations. Such documentation must have been previously approved by your home-campus and be sent at the time of admission, or as soon as possible after enrollment. For those conditions diagnosed after enrollment, declaration to the Student Affairs Director should be made immediately upon diagnosis.

The Student Affairs Conduct Committee assesses the accommodations that would be necessary for the student to complete a course or program at DA Siena. After this evaluation has taken place, students will be informed directly by the Student Affairs Office of the accommodations that have been granted. In the event it appears that reasonable accommodations cannot be made for a student with a learning or other disability, the school will refund the application fee, the tuition deposit, and the housing placement fee.

Students should also inquire about additional costs, if any, for services. They should not assume that such services will be free.

It is important to keep in mind that Italy does not have the same accessibility laws as in the United States. Therefore it is imperative that students inform the school of their needs and/or concerns so that the school can be of assistance, if necessary. If special accommodations for a physical disability or learning disability are needed, it is extremely important to inform the Housing Coordinator in a timely manner as it may take a considerable amount of time to arrange.

DA Siena cannot provide individual learning or other disability accommodations to students who do not follow the above guidelines.

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