DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER: 
ACCESSING THE WORLD

FIU students with disabilities are committed to engaging in our Worlds Ahead community and global learning opportunities. This is a scholarship for students with disabilities who would otherwise not have the funds to travel for study abroad, internships and alternative breaks. Through this scholarship, you can play an important role in providing opportunities for “real world” experiences for students with diverse abilities and send a message that our Worlds Ahead community is inclusive and engaged.

"As our student groups travel the world, it is of critical importance that we include the most varied range of human experiences possible so that we can ensure that the best that FIU has to offer is known in our global community.

Amanda Niguidula, Director of the Disability Resource Center

USEFUL LINKS:

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER
DRC.FIU.EDU

FIU OMBUDSMAN
OMBUDS.FIU.EDU

FIU EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMS
& DIVERSITY
HR.FIU.EDU

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS
WWW2.ED.GOV/OCR

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Student Affairs
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GRIEVANCE GUIDE
WHAT TO DO?
TAking Action!

Most student grievances against faculty are a result of misunderstandings over faculty expectations and can be solved by a Department Chair, Dean, or other academic department leader. However, if further review is needed, Informal and Formal Grievances have specific timelines and procedures that must be met. Please consult your student/program handbook for more information.

Meeting with the Ombudsman is one of the first steps in expressing dissatisfaction and seeking an alternative solution. This can be done by calling 305-348-2797.

Depending on your circumstance, you may further discuss your situation with the Office of Equal Opportunities Programs and Diversity. You may contact them by calling 305-348-3459. The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights can also be contacted for further review of such cases. They may be contacted by phone at 1-800-421-3481 or by email at ocr@ed.gov. Another option available to you is the FIU Ethical Panther Hotline (1-844-312-5358) which is an anonymous and confidential reporting tool. Reports can also be made at http://www.convercent.com/report/.

Helpful Tips:

- When filing any grievance, make yourself aware of all processes. This can be done by reviewing Student Policies section in the student/program handbook or consulting your DRC Access Consultant.
- Save your e-mails and other pertinent documents! Many times, resolutions can be arrived at quickly when you have documentation supporting your request.
- Keep your files current.
- Use objective statements.
- Don’t try to compare your case to another student’s case. Every circumstances is different and you may or may not have the same merits.
- Make yourself aware of your rights by reviewing the latest versions of the ADA, Rehabilitation Act, and any other legal premise you are using to base your request(s) on.

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