

Recording of Lectures Information Sheet

The City College AccessAbility Center (AAC) in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended in 2008 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, has established the following policy:

Recording Policy

Students with disabilities may record class lectures, as an accommodation, if they have a disability which impacts on their ability to independently take traditional notes. Such recordings are for their personal study only. Lectures recorded for this reason may not be shared or reproduced in any fashion without the consent of the lecturer. That includes any portion of the class discussion. Taped or digitally-recorded lectures may not be posted online in any format or context. Students may not use their recording device for unrelated course activities (e.g. social media, listening to music), unless expressly approved by the course instructor.

Legal Background

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (34 C.F.R. Part 104.44b) states:

(b) Other rules. A recipient to which this subpart applies may not impose upon handicapped students other rules, such as the prohibition of tape recorders in classrooms or of dog guides in campus buildings that have the effect of limiting the participation of handicapped students in the recipient's education program or activity.

Procedure

A student with a disability must be registered with the AAC and provide the appropriate documentation to the AAC pertaining to a disability in order to receive approved accommodations. When appropriate accommodations have been discussed and agreed to by the student, and the accommodation includes recording a lecture, class, or activity, the student will sign the following pledge: