

RIT CROATIA DISABILITY POLICY

RIT Croatia is committed to providing equal access to programs, services and physical facilities to students with disabilities. A “person with a disability” is someone who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. RIT Croatia serves students requiring academic accommodations. The types of disabilities students may have include:

- Specific learning disabilities in areas such as reading, math, written language, auditory or visual processing, or memory
- Attention-deficit / hyperactivity disorder
- Hearing disabilities
- Vision disabilities
- Asperger’s disorder and other Autism spectrum disorders
- Psychological or psychiatric disabilities such as mood, anxiety and depressive disorders, and bipolar disorder
- Chronic health disabilities such as Crohn’s disease, hemophilia, narcolepsy, arthritis, fibromyalgia, cancer, epilepsy, diabetes, and migraine headaches.

Students who would like to request academic accommodation(s) due to a disability should submit a request form, as well as appropriate documentation of the disability to the Senior Academic Advisor in Dubrovnik, room 41, or the Ombudsperson in Zagreb, room 25. Depending upon the type of disability, the documentation should be a recent (within the last 5 years) psycho-educational evaluation and/or letter on letterhead stationery from a qualified professional such as a physician, psychiatrist, neurologist, or psychologist.

The Senior Academic Advisor or the Ombudsperson will review the request and supporting documentation and recommend appropriate and reasonable accommodations as needed. RIT Croatia does not provide or coordinate personal services. Students need to make their own arrangements for mobility training, personal care assistants and personal adaptive equipment such as wheelchairs.

If it is decided that the requested accommodation can be offered, students will receive notification of the accommodations offered to him or her. If the student receives notification stating the denial of the request, he or she can appeal the decision if desired.

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In addition, a “Disability Services Agreement” letter will be drafted. A “Disability Services Agreement” (DSA) letter is a list of recommended academic accommodations developed by the Senior Academic Advisor or the Ombudsperson for each student who has been offered academic accommodations. The Senior Academic Advisor or the Ombudsperson will distribute an electronic copy of each student's DSA to faculty members each term, verifying that the student has worked with the Senior Academic Advisor or the Ombudsperson and is recognized by RIT as a student with a disability who requires accommodation.

The Senior Academic Advisor or the Ombudsperson do not share specific information about a student’s disability with faculty or staff as well as maintaining and securing all files. The DSA lists the recommended academic accommodations, but does not indicate information about the disability.

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