

10.6 Measures against discrimination

10.6.7 – Evidence that Cairo University provides accessible facilities for people with disabilities.

Cairo University is working to provide accessible facilities for people with disabilities, as evidenced by the establishment of a dedicated coordinator for disability affairs and the implementation of specific accommodations like Braille curriculum and support for exams. While progress is being made, the university is still working to improve physical accessibility and address challenges, including the establishment of disability service centers in partnership with other organizations.

Accessibility initiatives and support

- **Dedicated coordinator:** Cairo University appointed a General Coordinator for Disability Challengers Affairs to oversee the needs and rights of students with disabilities.
- **Educational materials:** The university has taken steps to print Braille curricula and create audio CDs for students with visual impairments.
- **Exam accommodations:** Specific arrangements are made for exams, such as providing alternative ramps instead of stairs, appropriate lighting, and suitable furniture for students with motor disabilities.
- **Supportive services:** The Faculty of Mass Communication, for example, selects ground-floor locations for exams or ensures elevator access and provides resting areas.
- **Training:** Training is provided for staff and teaching assistants who supervise exams for students with special needs.
- **Emergency medical care:** The university provides necessary medical care for emergencies during exams for students with special needs.

Areas for ongoing development

- **Disability service centers:** The university was a pilot partner in establishing a Disability Service Center, which aims to address academic, physical, and community needs of students with disabilities and promote equal access to education.
- **Physical accessibility:** Some facilities still need to improve physical accessibility, such as ensuring ramps and elevators are consistently available and functional.
- **Library resources:** Past studies have indicated that the university's online catalogs, databases, and website need to be fully accessible for visually impaired students.

Serial	Year	Evidence	Link
1	Current	Students With Special Needs in The faculty of Mass Communication	http://masscomm.cu.edu.eg/en/departement.aspx?deptId=558#:~:text=%2D%20Providing%20an%20appropriate%20environment%20for,with%20regard%20to%20special%20cases.
2	Current	General Coordinator for Disability Challengers Affairs Appointed at Cairo University	https://cu.edu.eg/Cairo-University-Faculty-News-11740.html#:~:text=News%20Date%20:%202016%2D04%2D,p roviding%20them%20with%20their%20needs.
3	Since 2016 - Now	Cairo University Decides Printing Braille Curriculum for Students with Visual Impairments	https://cu.edu.eg/Cairo-University-News-11801.html#:~:text=Cairo%20University%20Decides%20Printi ng%20Braille%20Curriculum%20for%20Students%20with%20 Visual%20Impairments&text=Cairo%20University%20Presiden t%20Gaber%20Nassar,colleagues%20at%20the%20university% 20level.
4	Perman ent	DISABILITY SERVICE CENTERS	https://www.amideast.org/egypt/advancing-development-goals/workforce-development/hei/disability-inclusion- hei#:~:text=at%20Cairo%20University.- .DISABILITY%20SERVICE%20CENTERS,%2C%20New%20 Valley%2C%20and%20Luxor.