The goal of the Office of Disability Services (ODS) is to provide appropriate services for students with disabilities so they have a true college experience. Students receiving services from ODS provide documentation of their disability. The director and student discuss the impact of the student’s disability to determine the services that would be most beneficial. The student chooses appropriate services needed for each class.

ODS believes the student is responsible for using and advocating for services that will help in becoming successful. Accommodations do not give students an unfair advantage in the class but allows students with disabilities to participate alongside the other students in the class. Success is not guaranteed, but ODS works to provide students complete access to the academic environment at Wichita State.

ODS worked with 462 students during the 2014-2015 academic year. Of these, 130 were students receiving services for the first time. ODS held the 8th Annual Access College Today, a campus visitation program for students with disabilities from area high schools. There were 56 students and 17 school personnel who attended the event. 2015-2016 was another busy year and the staff anticipates increases in the number of services provided by ODS for the upcoming year.