

Disability Support Report for 2024–2025

In the 2024–2025 academic year, Azerbaijan University continued its commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for students with disabilities. The university took significant steps to raise awareness and provide the necessary assistance to ensure that all students, regardless of their abilities, have access to equal opportunities for success.

Autism Awareness Campaign and Seminar

A key initiative for the year was the **Autism Awareness Month**, during which the university organized a special support campaign and an informative seminar to raise awareness about autism. The event included educational discussions and resources aimed at fostering understanding and inclusion, allowing both students and staff to engage with important topics surrounding autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and strategies for supporting students with ASD in educational settings.

Support for Students with Physical Disabilities

The university has also made strides in supporting students with physical disabilities. To ensure accessibility, **volunteer students** assist those with physical impairments in navigating the campus. This includes helping with entering the university building, moving between classrooms, and getting to other necessary locations. These volunteer students play a crucial role in promoting inclusivity and fostering a sense of community.

Support for Visually Impaired Students

For students with visual impairments, the university provides specialized support in the form of **assistive technologies**. A student with **visual impairments** is given a **special device** that helps them access learning materials, ensuring they can fully participate in lessons and engage with the curriculum. This support ensures that every student has the tools needed to succeed academically.

Additional Support Services

A variety of **other accessibility services** are available, including tailored study materials, extra time for exams, and accessible online learning platforms, to cater to the unique needs of students with disabilities. The university also offers **psychological support services** to help students navigate the emotional and social challenges they may face.

Commitment to Continuous Improvement

Looking ahead, Azerbaijan University is committed to continuously improving accessibility and support services for students with disabilities. Plans include further expanding

the volunteer program, introducing more assistive technology, and organizing ongoing workshops to enhance awareness about the challenges faced by students with disabilities.

Through these efforts, the university aims to create an **inclusive environment** where every student, regardless of their disability, is empowered to achieve their full potential. In total, **17 students** with disabilities were enrolled at Azerbaijan University during the 2024–2025 academic year. These students receive **scholarships** and are **exempt from tuition fees**, ensuring they have the financial support needed to pursue their studies without additional burdens.