



Disability Support within the Cracow University of Technology Poland

Case study overview

The higher education institutions are required to follow the national legislation. The following Acts are directly relevant to education and hence on disability support within the universities:

- Law on Higher Education.
- Rehabilitation Act.
- Act on sign language.
- Law on the ratification of the Convention on the rights for persons with disabilities.
- National framework for interoperability.

Disability support nationally is provided by governmental and non-governmental bodies, policies and initiatives. When studying at the University, supports for students with disabilities include:

- A special scholarship - its amount depends entirely on the degree of disability.
- The rights and benefits enjoyed by all students.
- Computer workstations adapted for the needs of students with visual impairments (electronic magnifier, magnifier, screen reader, speech, scanner and OCR).
- In appropriate cases, related to the type and degree of disability, the student may



apply for: changing the form of exams and credits to match its capabilities, changing the conditions of participation in classes, remedial classes, organization of individual studies, participation in class assistants to disabled people, voice recording of lectures, using the services of a sign language interpreter, the implementation of teaching materials in a form adapted to his needs and capabilities, such as magnified print or in Braille.

- In accordance with the needs of the student, a place in the “House of Students”.
- Other facilities, allowing study under the same conditions as non-disabled students.
- A reduction in the cost of public transport.

The University operates **ZSN -Association of Disabled Students** whose main objective is to integrate the disabled persons in academia. ZSN intends to achieve by the organization of trips to the theatre, the camps of integration; sailing and skiing and trips.

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