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Frederick University is an energetic and vibrant private university operating from two campuses in Cyprus: the main campus in Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, and Limassol the second largest city with one of the busiest ports in the Mediterranean transit trade.

Cyprus is situated at the eastern end of the Mediterranean basin and at the core of bustling air and shipping routes of Europe Asia and Africa. Cyprus, the third largest island in the region enjoys an intense Mediterranean climate, with beautiful short autumn and spring seasons, long dry summers from mid–May to mid–October, and mild winters from December to February. Cyprus is renowned since ancient times for its mineral wealth, superb wines and traditional food, and natural beauty.

Frederick University is very well known in Cyprus for its strong student-centric approach. One of the pillars of this approach is the Support and Counselling Office which aims to empower students and support them functionally and mentally both in their academic tasks but also in their personal lives.

Among the main services offered by the Support and Counselling Office is the support of students with disabilities or special needs. Upon entering the academic community of Frederick University, students who have official evidence of diagnosis of learning difficulties, mental, physical, intellectual or other cognitive difficulties are entitled to submit their request for academic facilitation.

Every case of a student with disability is carried out at an individual level by the professionals of the Support and Counselling Office, taking into account the individualized needs of each student. All facilities are provided on the basis of the provisions of the 113(I)/1999 to 2014 Special Education Legislative framework that regulates all the matters referred to the education of children with special needs and also the Rules and Regulations of Frederick University.

The Support and Counselling Office shall send each semester, to the involved staff members, a personalized letter describing the disabilities or special needs of the respective student and also the different types of provisions that the staff should provide to the beneficiary student. These facilities may include:

- extension of time during midterm and/or final exams
- modification of deadlines of assignments
- modification of the type of assignment/exam
- provision of a personalized assistant (i.e. scriber)
- provision of specific class-rooms
- modification of presentations and other facilitations.

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Especially during the pandemic and due to the latest developments regarding COVID-19, Frederick University's Support and Counselling Centre implemented the <u>decisions of the</u> <u>University</u> to ensure the health and safety of its students, by going online.

In addition, the Support and Counselling Centre offers a number of academic and soft skills development workshops and activities (i.e. study skills, time management stress management etc.) that are especially useful to students with accommodations.

Frederick University in order to serve its mission on inclusiveness and equality has <u>signed</u> the Diversity Charter Cyprus to promote inclusivity in the workplace in addition to the <u>publication of a series</u> of policies and directives.

Finally, Frederick University is a partner of the Erasmus+ Project "Inclusive university-A set of tools dedicated to HEI for better respond to disabled student's needs" (2019-2021) which aims to raise awareness of university staff and develop training material for students and academics.

For more information, services/disability-support

http://www.frederick.ac.cy/dl-student-support/en/support-