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**Key Terms and Definitions for Inclusion
and Accessibility in Higher Education**

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In the pursuit of academic excellence and shared values, the Arqus European University Alliance stands as a collaborative force, unifying institutions with a common dedication to academic, scientific and cultural advancement. This multilateral alliance currently comprises the renowned universities of Granada, Graz, Leipzig, Lyon 1, Maynooth, Minho, Padua, Vilnius, and Wrocław, collectively aspiring to elevate higher education and research to new heights.

In alignment with the Arqus Termbase, the Alliance's multilingual terminology database, this glossary — titled "ArqusTerm English Glossary: Key Terms and Definitions for Inclusion and Accessibility in Higher Education" — serves as a comprehensive guide. It comprises 210 carefully curated entries, encompassing terms, definitions, and preferred terminology. Meticulously compiled through in-depth analyses of relevant sources, listed in the References section and accompanying each entry, this glossary is a testament to the Alliance's commitment to precision and clarity.

As a valuable resource for our academic community and beyond, this glossary not only aims to facilitate communication within the Arqus Alliance but also seeks to contribute to the broader discourse on inclusion and accessibility in higher education. By sharing our insights and preferred terminology, we aim to foster a deeper understanding among the Arqus academic community, other university stakeholders, and those engaged in the vital field of inclusion and accessibility. We hope that this document will serve as a benchmark to guide us towards a more informed and inclusive future.

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A

academic accessibility

Entry no.: 1

Definition: process ensuring that academic content can be understood and used by all students, including those with disabilities, by removing barriers to learning.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

academic accessibility

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

academic achievement

Entry no.: 2

Definition: degree of a student's success in meeting short or long-term goals in education.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Student Brands (n.d.).

academic achievement

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

academic advising

Entry no.: 3

Definition: collaborative process in which a counsellor or expert helps the student to set and achieve their educational goals.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

academic advising

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

academic support

Entry no.: 4

Definition: services provided to students to enhance their learning and educational success, such as tutoring, advising, study skill workshops, and resources for managing stress.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

academic support

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility audit

Entry no.: 5

Definition: comprehensive evaluation of the usability of a physical or digital environment or educational materials to identify barriers and assess compliance with accessibility standards and guidelines.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility audit

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility barriers

Entry no.: 6

Definition: factors that impede or restrict the ability of individuals, particularly those with disabilities, to access and fully participate in educational environments or activities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility barriers

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility in education

Entry no.: 7

Definition: degree to which courses, materials and environments meet the needs of all students, including those with disabilities, so that they can participate fully in their education.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility in education

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility standards

Entry no.: 8

Definition: guidelines that define the requirements and criteria for ensuring that services and content can be understood and used by individuals with disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility standards

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility training

Entry no.: 9

Definition: professional development activities provided to staff to enhance their understanding of accessibility principles, techniques and best practices for creating inclusive educational environments.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessibility training

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessible design

Entry no.: 10

Definition: intentional creation of products, environments or services that can be used, understood and accessed by individuals with disabilities, while also considering the needs of a diverse range of users.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessible design

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessible exam

Entry no.: 11

Definition: test designed and administered in a manner that ensures equitable access for all students, including those with disabilities, by providing appropriate accommodations, formats or technologies.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessible exam

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessible infrastructure

Entry no.: 12

Definition: physical facilities, buildings and structures that enable independent and safe use for individuals with disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessible infrastructure

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessible learning materials

Entry no.: 13

Definition: educational resources, such as textbooks, handouts, online or multimedia content, provided in formats and modalities that can be used by a variety of learners, including those with disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessible learning materials

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessible media

Entry no.: 14

Definition: content, including audio, video or interactive elements, that can be understood and used by individuals with disabilities, such as through captioning, audio description or alternative formats.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessible media

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accessible website

Entry no.: 15

Definition: internet site or digital platform that can be navigated, understood and used by individuals with disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accessible website

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

accommodations

Entry no.: 16

Definition: adjustments made to courses, programmes, jobs, services, or facilities in order to remove barriers for students with disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

accommodations

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

achievement gap

Entry no.: 17

Definition: statistical disparity identified in academic performance between groups of students, such as between students with disabilities and those without disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

achievement gap

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

adaptive learning

Entry no.: 18

Definition: technology-based or online educational system that analyses a student's performance in real time and modifies teaching methods based on that data.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Drummond (2019).

adaptive learning

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

adaptive technology

Entry no.: 19

Definition: tool or resource that modifies, maintains or enhances the capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from University of Calgary Student Accessibility Services (n.d.).

adaptive technology

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

affirmative action

Entry no.: 20

Definition: policies that take factors including race, religion, sex or national origin into consideration to benefit an underrepresented group.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Anonymous (n.d.).

affirmative action

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

allyship

Entry no.: 21

Definition: ongoing commitment of individuals in positions of privilege to benefit the interests of marginalised groups both in society as a whole and in particular social environments such as universities or workplaces.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

allyship

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

alternative format

Entry no.: 22

Definition: different representation or version of educational materials provided to accommodate the diverse learning needs of students, including the use of braille, large print, audio or electronic text.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

alternative format

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

anti-bias education

Entry no.: 23

Definition: approach that aims to promote awareness, understanding and critical thinking about intolerance, stereotypes and discrimination, with the goal of creating more inclusive and equitable learning environments.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

anti-bias education

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

assistive technology

Entry no.: 24

Definition: device, software or equipment that helps people work around their challenges, such as software that can read text aloud, apps that help with organisation and focus, or speech-to-text software.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

assistive technology

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

Entry no.: 25

Definition: neurodevelopmental condition characterised by persistent patterns of inattention, restlessness and impulsivity that can impact academic performance and social functioning.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Bishop et al. (2019).

attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

ADHD

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

augmentative and alternative communication

Entry no.: 26

Definition: range of techniques, strategies and tools, such as sign language, visual aids and electronic devices, which are used to supplement or replace verbal communication for individuals with speech or language impairments.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

augmentative and alternative communication

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

AAC

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

autism spectrum disorder

Entry no.: 27

Definition: neurodevelopmental condition that impacts how people communicate, socialise, learn and behave.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from National Institute of Mental Health (2023).

autism spectrum disorder

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

autism

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

ASD

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

B**belonging**

Entry no.: 28

Definition: sense of fitting in or feeling like part of a community.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

belonging

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase

bias in education

Entry no.: 29
Definition: prejudiced thoughts, feelings or behaviours that unfairly favour or discriminate against a student or group of students in an educational context.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase

bias in education

Usage status: Preferred
Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase

braille

Entry no.: 30
Definition: system of raised dots that can be felt with the fingertips and used by people who are visually impaired to read.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase

braille

Usage status: Preferred
Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase

bullying prevention

Entry no.: 31
Definition: strategies or policies aimed at promoting a safe and inclusive educational environment by tackling harassment, fostering positive relationships, and advocating for empathy and respect among students.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase

bullying prevention

Usage status: Preferred
Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase



campus climate

Entry no.: 32
Definition: environment and culture that students experience at their university, including how inclusive and accepting it is.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase

campus climate

Usage status: Preferred
Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase

campus culture

Entry no.: 33
Definition: collective norms, beliefs, traditions, customs and values that influence how a university operates, including attitudes towards acceptance, diversity and accessibility.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase

campus culture

Usage status: Preferred
Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase

campus resources

Entry no.: 34
Definition: services and facilities provided by an educational institution to support student learning and development, such as libraries, sports centres, and career services.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase

campus resources

Usage status: Preferred
Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase

captions

Entry no.: 35
Definition: textual descriptions of speech, sounds or other audio elements added to multimedia content in order to enable individuals with total or partial hearing impairment to access the auditory information.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase

captions

Usage status: Preferred
Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase

career counselling

Entry no.: 36
Definition: guidance provided by advisors to help students manage their professional goals, opportunities and choices.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase

career counselling

Usage status: Preferred
Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase

civil rights

Entry no.: 37
Definition: entitlements of individuals to equal treatment and freedom from injustice and discrimination in different settings, including education.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Essien (2020).

civil rights

Usage status: Preferred
Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance
Term source: Arqus Termbase

classroom environment

Entry no.: 38
Definition: setting of an educational space created through physical layout, the teacher's approach to instruction and the way students interact with each other.
Definition source: Arqus Termbase

classroom environment

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

classroom modifications

Entry no.: 39

Definition: adaptations or adjustments made to the physical environment, instructional strategies or materials in an educational setting to accommodate the diverse learning needs of students and promote inclusive education.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

classroom modifications

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

closed captions

Entry no.: 40

Definition: activatable textual descriptions of speech, sounds or other audio elements added to multimedia content in order to enable individuals with total or partial hearing impairment to access the auditory information.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

closed captions

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

CC

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

cognitive accessibility

Entry no.: 41

Definition: degree to which learning materials, activities and instructional approaches can be comprehended and processed by individuals with diverse cognitive abilities and learning styles.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

cognitive accessibility

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

community building

Entry no.: 42

Definition: process of developing relationships and collaboration within a group, resulting in the creation of a more inclusive environment.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

community building

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

community engagement

Entry no.: 43

Definition: active involvement and collaboration of institutions with society to address common challenges, promote inclusivity and support positive outcomes.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

community engagement

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

confidentiality

Entry no.: 44

Definition: protection and safeguarding of personal information or sensitive data shared by individuals.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

confidentiality

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

course accessibility

Entry no.: 45

Definition: degree to which a unit of learning and its materials can be used by all students, including those with disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

course accessibility

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

cultural competence

Entry no.: 46

Definition: ability to effectively respond to the challenges and opportunities posed by the diversity of human experiences, which requires cross-cultural skills and an awareness of one's own worldview and attitude towards cultural differences.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Bluegrass Community and Technical College (n.d.).

cultural competence

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

cultural diversity

Entry no.: 47

Definition: presence of different ethnicities, backgrounds and perspectives within a society in which the uniqueness and contributions of each group are recognised and appreciated.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

cultural diversity

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

cultural sensitivity

Entry no.: 48

Definition: awareness and respect for differences in beliefs, traditions, customs and values, and the ability to interact with individuals from diverse backgrounds in an inclusive manner.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

cultural sensitivity

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

culture of inclusion

Entry no.: 49

Definition: environment in which people are respected and valued for their differences, ideas and knowledge.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

culture of inclusion

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

curriculum design

Entry no.: 50

Definition: process of planning and organising the content and structure of a course in accordance with its intended learning outcomes.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

curriculum design

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

D

developmental disabilities

Entry no.: 51

Definition: set of conditions resulting from physical, learning, language or behavioural impairments that typically occur before adulthood.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2022).

developmental disabilities

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

differentiated instruction

Entry no.: 52

Definition: teaching approach tailored to the diverse learning needs and abilities of students, recognising that individuals learn in different ways and at different paces.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

differentiated instruction

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

digital accessibility

Entry no.: 53

Definition: design of technological environments, including websites, mobile apps and digital documents, which ensures usability for everyone, including people with disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

digital accessibility

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

digital literacy

Entry no.: 54

Definition: ability to use information and communication technologies to find, evaluate, create and communicate information.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from American Library Association, Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (2023).

digital literacy

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

dignity

Entry no.: 55

Definition: recognition and appreciation of every individual's inherent worth and right to be treated with respect, fairness and consideration.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

dignity

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability

Entry no.: 56

Definition: condition or function judged to be significantly impaired relative to the usual standard of an individual or group, including physical, sensory, cognitive, and intellectual impairment, as well as mental illness and chronic disease.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from United Nations (n.d.).

disability

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability awareness

Entry no.: 57

Definition: knowledge and understanding of impairments and the challenges they pose to those affected by them.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability awareness

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability culture

Entry no.: 58

Definition: shared identity, experiences, history, language and community of individuals with impairments.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability culture

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability discrimination

Entry no.: 59

Definition: unfair or unequal treatment of individuals based on their impairments, which can result in barriers to access, participation and opportunities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability discrimination

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability history

Entry no.: 60

Definition: study of the experiences, achievements and contributions of individuals with impairments, as well as the evolution of rights, policies and attitudes towards them in society.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability history

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability inclusion

Entry no.: 61

Definition: deliberate and proactive efforts to ensure the full and meaningful participation of individuals with impairments in all aspects of society, including education, employment and social activities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability inclusion

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability law

Entry no.: 62

Definition: legislation and regulations that guarantee rights, equal opportunities and accommodations for individuals with impairments.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability law

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability representation

Entry no.: 63

Definition: accurate and respectful depiction of

individuals with impairments in educational materials, media or literature in order to challenge stereotypes, promote inclusivity and increase awareness.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability representation

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability rights

Entry no.: 64

Definition: entitlements and protections granted to people with impairments to guarantee non-discrimination and equal opportunities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability rights

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability services

Entry no.: 65

Definition: facilities and resources provided by institutions to support individuals with impairments.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability services

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disability studies

Entry no.: 66

Definition: academic discipline that explores impairment as a social, cultural, historical and political phenomenon, as well as the experiences, identities and rights of individuals with impairments.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disability studies

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

disabled student

Entry no.: 67

Definition: learner who has a physical or mental impairment that can substantially affect their participation in educational activities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

disabled student

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Grammatical gender: Neuter

Term source: Arqus Termbase

discrimination

Entry no.: 68

Definition: unjust or prejudicial treatment of individuals, especially on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, language, gender, disability, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, age or religion.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from

Oxford University Press (n.d.).

discrimination

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

discrimination prevention

Entry no.: 69

Definition: policies aimed at eliminating bias and discriminatory practices, as well as at promoting equity and equal opportunities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

discrimination prevention

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

distance education

Entry no.: 70

Definition: method of studying in which lectures are broadcasted or conducted by correspondence or over the Internet, without the student needing to be physically present in a classroom.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Sesabo (2015).

distance education

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

diverse learning needs

Entry no.: 71

Definition: range of individual studying styles, abilities, preferences, strengths, challenges and requirements among students in educational settings.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

diverse learning needs

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

diversity

Entry no.: 72

Definition: range of human differences, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, social class, physical attributes, religion, national origin, and political beliefs.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Ferris State University Diversity Office (n.d.).

diversity

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

diversity training

Entry no.: 73

Definition: educational initiative to increase awareness and appreciation of the range of human differences, including race, ethnicity, nationality, language, gender identity, disability, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, age or religion.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

diversity training

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

dyscalculia

Entry no.: 74

Definition: learning disorder characterised by difficulties in understanding and processing mathematical concepts, numbers and mathematical symbols.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Statewide Inclusive Education Services (n.d.).

dyscalculia

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

dysgraphia

Entry no.: 75

Definition: learning disorder characterised by difficulties in handwriting, spelling and organising thoughts in written form.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

dysgraphia

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

dyslexia

Entry no.: 76

Definition: learning disorder characterised by difficulties with accurate and fluent word recognition, reading comprehension and spelling, often accompanied by challenges in phonological awareness and decoding skills.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

dyslexia

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

E

e-learning

Entry no.: 77

Definition: delivery of education and training through digital resources.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Lawless (2018).

e-learning

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

early intervention

Entry no.: 78

Definition: support provided to infants, toddlers and

young children with developmental delays or disabilities to promote their optimal development and enhance their educational outcomes.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

early intervention

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

education policy

Entry no.: 79

Definition: rules or guidelines established by a government, school board or administration that govern teaching practices.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

education policy

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

educational attainment

Entry no.: 80

Definition: highest level of education completed by an individual.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

educational attainment

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

educational opportunities

Entry no.: 81

Definition: access to different learning experiences, resources, tools and environments that facilitate learning.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

educational opportunities

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

emotional disability

Entry no.: 82

Definition: impairment that impacts a person's capacity to effectively recognise, interpret, control and express fundamental feelings.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

emotional disability

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

emotional intelligence

Entry no.: 83

Definition: ability to recognise, understand and manage one's own feelings, and to perceive and respond effectively to the feelings of others.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

emotional intelligence

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

empathy

Entry no.: 84

Definition: ability to understand and share the feelings of others.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (n.d.).

empathy

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

empowerment

Entry no.: 85

Definition: process of enabling individuals to gain knowledge, skills, confidence and autonomy in order to assert their rights, make informed decisions and advocate for themselves and others.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

empowerment

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

equal opportunity

Entry no.: 86

Definition: principle of treating all individuals fairly and in the same way, without discriminating against them based on race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, disability, etc.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

equal opportunity

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

ethnicity

Entry no.: 87

Definition: social construct that identifies a group based upon common cultural characteristics such as language, nationality, religion or shared cultural traditions.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

ethnicity

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

F

faculty training

Entry no.: 88

Definition: educational opportunities provided to teachers or instructors to enhance their professional knowledge and skills.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

faculty training

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

financial aid

Entry no.: 89

Definition: grant, scholarship or loan offered to help students meet their university expenses.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Nickbeen (2018).

financial aid

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

first-generation student

Entry no.: 90

Definition: person who is the first in their family to attend a higher education institution.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Access Scholarships (2023).

first-generation student

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Grammatical gender: Neuter

Term source: Arqus Termbase

full inclusion

Entry no.: 91

Definition: approach that advocates for the complete integration of students with disabilities or diverse needs into regular classrooms and educational settings, ensuring they receive appropriate support and accommodations.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

full inclusion

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

G

gender inclusion

Entry no.: 92

Definition: practice of creating an environment that acknowledges and respects the diversity of identities and expressions, and promotes equal access and opportunities for all individuals.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

gender inclusion

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

gifted and talented student

Entry no.: 93

Definition: learner who demonstrates outstanding

abilities or potential in areas such as academic achievement, creative thinking, leadership or specific talents, and who requires educational support tailored to their unique needs.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

gifted and talented student

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Grammatical gender: Neuter

Term source: Arqus Termbase

graduation rate

Entry no.: 94

Definition: key metric used to monitor the percentage of university students who complete their programmes within a designated period of time.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

graduation rate

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

H

hearing impairment

Entry no.: 95

Definition: condition in which an individual experiences partial or complete loss of auditory perception.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

hearing impairment

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

hidden curriculum

Entry no.: 96

Definition: unwritten, unofficial and often unintended lessons, values and perspectives that students learn in school or university.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Great Schools Partnership (2015).

hidden curriculum

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

human rights

Entry no.: 97

Definition: freedoms and entitlements for all people, such as the right to education, non-discrimination, equality, dignity and inclusion.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

human rights

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase



inclusion in education

Entry no.: 98

Definition: principle ensuring that all individuals are able to fully participate in and benefit from educational experiences, regardless of their background, identity or physical abilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

inclusion in education

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusion models

Entry no.: 99

Definition: theoretical frameworks or strategies that guide the implementation of integration practices in order to provide equitable opportunities, promote access and foster participation for all students.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

inclusion models

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive assessment

Entry no.: 100

Definition: educational approach that takes into account the diverse needs, abilities and backgrounds of students, ensuring fair and meaningful evaluation of their learning outcomes.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive assessment

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive classroom

Entry no.: 101

Definition: learning environment that embraces the diversity of identities and abilities of all students, and promotes collaboration and equitable participation in the educational process.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive classroom

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive curriculum

Entry no.: 102

Definition: educational programme that caters for the diverse needs, previous experiences, interests and personal characteristics of all learners.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from International Bureau of Education (2013).

inclusive curriculum

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive education policies

Entry no.: 103

Definition: guidelines established at the institutional or governmental level to ensure that teaching systems are equitable and accessible to all students, regardless of their backgrounds or abilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive education policies

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive language

Entry no.: 104

Definition: communication style that reflects diversity and avoids the use of expressions or words that can exclude or discriminate against particular groups of people.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Harkness (2020).

inclusive language

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive leadership

Entry no.: 105

Definition: management style that embraces diversity and ensures that everyone in an organisation feels valued and that their contributions matter.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive leadership

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive pedagogy

Entry no.: 106

Definition: teaching methodology in which instructors and students work together to create a supportive environment that accommodates the diverse needs of all learners.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive pedagogy

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive practice

Entry no.: 107

Definition: strategies, policies and teaching methods that embrace diversity, remove barriers to learning, and foster equitable educational environments.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive practice

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive technology

Entry no.: 108

Definition: tools, devices or resources that are designed for all users, including those with disabilities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

inclusive technology

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

individual needs

Entry no.: 109

Definition: unique requirements, characteristics and preferences of each student that must be considered and addressed in educational settings to ensure their access, participation and success.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

individual needs

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

individualised education plan

Entry no.: 110

Definition: strategy designed for students with disabilities or special educational requirements that outlines their specific learning goals, required support, and accommodations to meet their personal needs.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

individualised education plan

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

IEP

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

individualised instruction

Entry no.: 111

Definition: approach to teaching and learning that tailors educational methods, content and pace to meet the specific needs, strengths and interests of particular students.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

individualised instruction

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

institutional change

Entry no.: 112

Definition: process through which organisations evolve and adapt to shifts in the external environment, leadership or internal needs.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

institutional change

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

institutional support

Entry no.: 113

Definition: resources and assistance provided by an educational body or service to facilitate a student's academic success.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

institutional support

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

intellectual disability

Entry no.: 114

Definition: condition characterised by limitations regarding reasoning, problem-solving, learning and adaptive behaviour, which can pose significant challenges in everyday life activities and educational performance.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

intellectual disability

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

interpersonal skills

Entry no.: 115

Definition: competencies that allow a person to interact effectively and cooperatively with others.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

interpersonal skills

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

intersectionality

Entry no.: 116

Definition: complex and cumulative way in which different forms of discrimination like racism, sexism and classism interrelate and overlap.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Merriam-Webster (n.d.).

intersectionality

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase



language barrier

Entry no.: 117

Definition: difficulties faced when people who have no language in common attempt to communicate with each other.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Singh (2014).

language barrier

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

language diversity

Entry no.: 118

Definition: presence of multiple languages and linguistic backgrounds within a community or educational setting.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

language diversity

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

learning differences

Entry no.: 119

Definition: variations in the way individuals take in, process, and retain information, which can include difficulties with reading, writing, maths, attention, memory, coordination and social skills.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

learning differences

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

learning disability

Entry no.: 120

Definition: neurological condition that affects the brain's ability to process, understand or produce information, leading to difficulties in specific areas such as reading, writing, maths or comprehension.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

learning disability

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

learning environment

Entry no.: 121

Definition: physical locations, contexts and cultures in which students are taught.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Great Schools Partnership (2013a).

learning environment

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

learning styles

Entry no.: 122

Definition: different ways of processing, understanding and assimilating new information, such as visual, auditory and kinaesthetic learning.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

learning styles

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

learning support

Entry no.: 123

Definition: services designed to help students succeed academically, such as tutoring or study skills workshops.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

learning support

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

LGBTQ+ inclusion

Entry no.: 124

Definition: policies and practices that ensure equal treatment, representation and acceptance of individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning and others.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

LGBTQ+ inclusion

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

life skills

Entry no.: 125

Definition: set of basic competencies acquired through learning or direct experience that enable individuals to handle issues and problems commonly encountered in daily life.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from British Council Greece (n.d.).

life skills

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

literacy

Entry no.: 126

Definition: ability to read and write.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

literacy

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

M

marginalised group

Entry no.: 127

Definition: socially or economically disadvantaged cohort or population that experiences systematic barriers, discrimination or exclusion based on factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, disability, socioeconomic status or other characteristics.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

marginalised group

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

medical model of disability

Entry no.: 128

Definition: approach that views impairment as a medical or individual deficit, emphasising diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation rather than addressing environmental or societal barriers.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

medical model of disability

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

mental health

Entry no.: 129

Definition: state of a person's psychological, cognitive, social and emotional well-being.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Borenstein (2019).

mental health

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

mental illness

Entry no.: 130

Definition: health condition involving changes in thinking, emotion or behaviour that can affect a person's ability to relate to others and function each day.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Caepv (2022).

mental illness

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

mentorship

Entry no.: 131

Definition: guidance provided by an expert or experienced individual who helps guide a less experienced individual in a similar field.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

mentorship

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

microaggression

Entry no.: 132

Definition: subtle, indirect or unintentional discrimination against members of a marginalised group, which can take the form of comments, actions or incidents that subtly convey stereotypes or low-level hostility.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

microaggression

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

minority

Entry no.: 133

Definition: non-dominant group which is usually numerically less than the majority population of a State or region regarding their ethnic, religious or linguistic characteristics and who, if only implicitly, maintain solidarity with their own culture, traditions, religion or language.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from European Commission, European Migration Network (n.d.).

minority

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

mobility aids

Entry no.: 134

Definition: devices, equipment or assistive technologies used by individuals with physical impairments to improve their ability to access and move around spaces and buildings.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

mobility aids

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

mobility impairment

Entry no.: 135

Definition: disability that affects movement ranging from gross motor skills, such as walking, to fine motor movement, involving manipulation of objects with a hand.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from University of Washington Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology Center (n.d.).

mobility impairment

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

multicultural education

Entry no.: 136

Definition: teaching approach that values and promotes cultural diversity, fosters inclusive and equitable learning environments, and incorporates diverse cultural perspectives and experiences into the curriculum and teaching practices.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

multicultural education

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

multiculturalism

Entry no.: 137

Definition: coexistence of diverse groups and cultures in a society, based on acceptance and respect for differences in norms, beliefs, traditions, customs and values.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

multiculturalism

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

multimodal learning

Entry no.: 138

Definition: teaching approach that engages students through multiple sensory styles and instructional methods, accommodating different learning preferences while aiming to enhance comprehension and retention of information.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

multimodal learning

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

N

neurodiversity

Entry no.: 139

Definition: framework proposing that neurological differences like autism and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder are the result of normal, natural variations in the human genome.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Robinson (2013).

neurodiversity

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

non-discrimination

Entry no.: 140

Definition: principle of treating all individuals fairly and equally, without prejudice or bias, regardless of their background, characteristics or differences.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

non-discrimination

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

non-traditional students

Entry no.: 141

Definition: learners who do not fit into the typical mould of a university student, including students who are older than average, part-time students, working students, students with children, or students who are returning to university after a period of work or other activities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

non-traditional students

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Grammatical gender: Neuter

Term source: Arqus Termbase

numeracy

Entry no.: 142

Definition: ability to understand and work with numbers.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

numeracy

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

O

online learning

Entry no.: 143

Definition: method of education whereby students learn in a fully virtual environment via the Internet.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Top Hat (n.d.).

online learning

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

P

parent engagement

Entry no.: 144

Definition: active involvement and collaboration of caregivers in a student's education, including participation in decision-making processes, supporting learning at home and maintaining effective communication with a school or institution.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

parent engagement

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

peer inclusion

Entry no.: 145

Definition: practice of actively involving and integrating individuals with diverse abilities, backgrounds or characteristics into social and educational activities alongside their classmates.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

peer inclusion

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

person-first language

Entry no.: 146

Definition: linguistic approach that emphasises the person rather than their disability or condition by placing the individual before the descriptor, promoting respectful and inclusive communication.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

person-first language

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

personal development

Entry no.: 147

Definition: process of improving oneself through activities that enhance self-knowledge, potential or skills.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

personal development

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

physical accessibility

Entry no.: 148

Definition: extent to which facilities and environments are designed and modified to enable individuals, especially those with disabilities, the elderly and children, to navigate and use them independently and safely.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

physical accessibility

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

physical barriers

Entry no.: 149

Definition: structural obstacles in a natural or manmade environment that limit or impede mobility or access.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2020).

physical barriers

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

physical disability

Entry no.: 150

Definition: impairment that affects a person's body functioning, mobility or coordination, potentially resulting from congenital conditions, accidents, illnesses or other factors.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

physical disability

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

positive behaviour support

Entry no.: 151

Definition: approach that focuses on understanding and addressing the underlying causes of challenging attitudes by promoting supportive strategies to enhance social, emotional and behavioural development.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

positive behaviour support

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

postsecondary education

Entry no.: 152

Definition: level of academic development typically referring to studies pursued after secondary school, such as at a university, college or vocational training centre.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

postsecondary education

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

R

racial equality

Entry no.: 153

Definition: fair treatment of all individuals regardless of their race or ethnic origin.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

racial equality

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

racial equity

Entry no.: 154

Definition: fairness and justice in opportunities, outcomes and resources for all individuals, regardless of their race or ethnic background.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

racial equity

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

reasonable accommodations

Entry no.: 155

Definition: modifications made to educational environments, practices or policies that provide equal opportunities and access to individuals with disabilities, without imposing undue burden or fundamentally altering essential elements.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

reasonable accommodations

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

reasonable adjustments

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

representation in education

Entry no.: 156

Definition: equitable and fair presence of diverse groups within a given context, such as a classroom, a course of

study or a university.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

representation in education

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

respectful language

Entry no.: 157

Definition: communication style that demonstrates consideration, inclusivity and sensitivity toward individuals with different identities, backgrounds and experiences, avoiding derogatory or offensive terms and stereotypes.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

respectful language

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

response to intervention

Entry no.: 158

Definition: multi-tiered framework to identify and provide support to students who may be struggling academically or behaviourally, and which can involve early intervention, progress monitoring and data-driven decision-making.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from StemScopes staff (2023).

response to intervention

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

RTI

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

retention

Entry no.: 159

Definition: keeping students in school or university until they meet their educational goals, most commonly, graduation.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

retention

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

S

safe space

Entry no.: 160

Definition: environment in which people can feel secure in expressing their identities and perspectives without fear of censure or retribution.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

safe space

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

scholarship

Entry no.: 161

Definition: financial award given to students to support their education which does not have to be repaid and is usually granted based on merit, need or a combination of both.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

scholarship

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

screen reader

Entry no.: 162

Definition: assistive technology software or hardware that converts text displayed on a computer or digital device into synthesised speech or braille output, enabling those with visual impairments to access digital content.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

screen reader

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

self-advocacy

Entry no.: 163

Definition: ability to speak and act on behalf of one's own interests.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

self-advocacy

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

self-determination

Entry no.: 164

Definition: ability of individuals to make choices, set goals and take actions based on personal preferences and values, thus fostering autonomy, independence and a sense of control over one's life.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

self-determination

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

self-efficacy

Entry no.: 165

Definition: belief in one's own ability to successfully complete tasks, achieve goals and overcome challenges, which influences motivation, perseverance, and academic or work performance.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Cherry (2023).

self-efficacy

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

sensory disability

Entry no.: 166

Definition: impairment that affects one or more channels of perception, including sight, hearing, smell, touch, taste or spatial awareness.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Buckinghamshire Council Care Advice (n.d.).

sensory disability

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

sensory integration

Entry no.: 167

Definition: process by which the brain organises and interprets information from the environment, allowing individuals to make sense of and respond appropriately to stimuli.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

sensory integration

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

sensory room

Entry no.: 168

Definition: specifically designed spaces that provide a controlled and soothing environment to promote self-regulation, relaxation and integration for individuals with difficulties or disabilities in the processing of sensory information.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

sensory room

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

sexual orientation

Entry no.: 169

Definition: a person's identity in relation to their emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to other people, including heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, asexuality or pansexuality.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Southeastern Louisiana University Office of Multicultural and International Student Affairs (n.d.).

sexual orientation

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

sign language

Entry no.: 170

Definition: type of communication that uses the hands and body to convey meaning, as used in the deaf community.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

sign language

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

social inclusion

Entry no.: 171

Definition: acceptance and engagement of individuals in community, cultural and educational life, regardless of their backgrounds, abilities or identities, to foster equitable opportunities and a sense of belonging.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

social inclusion

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

social justice

Entry no.: 172

Definition: fair treatment and equitable status of all individuals and social groups within a state or society.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Duignan (2023).

social justice

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

social model of disability

Entry no.: 173

Definition: framework that views disability as a result of barriers and limitations imposed by society rather than inherent impairments in individuals, highlighting the need to remove social and environmental barriers to enable full participation and inclusion.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

social model of disability

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

social skills

Entry no.: 174

Definition: competencies used to communicate and interact with other people, both verbally and non-verbally, through gestures, body language and personal appearance.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Savill (2020).

social skills

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

social stigma

Entry no.: 175

Definition: negative attitudes, beliefs and stereotypes associated with certain individuals or groups based on characteristics such as disability, race, ethnicity or gender, resulting in discrimination, exclusion and

marginalisation.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

social stigma

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

social-emotional learning

Entry no.: 176

Definition: process of acquiring and applying the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to understand and manage feelings, establish positive relationships, demonstrate empathy, make responsible decisions and effectively navigate group interactions.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments (n.d.).

social-emotional learning

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

SEL

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

socioeconomic status

Entry no.: 177

Definition: economic and sociological measure of a person's work experience and of an individual's or family's economic and social position in relation to others.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Ong (n.d.).

socioeconomic status

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

special education

Entry no.: 178

Definition: range of services, strategies and interventions designed to support the learning needs of students with disabilities or specific needs, ensuring they receive appropriate accommodations and individualised instruction.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

special education

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

special educational needs

Entry no.: 179

Definition: particular requirements of students who have a physical or mental illness or impairment, which make it harder for them to learn than most students of the same age.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Family

Lives (2023).

special educational needs

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

SEN

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

special needs

Entry no.: 180

Definition: particular requirements of people who have a physical or mental illness or impairment.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

special needs

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

stereotype

Entry no.: 181

Definition: over-generalised, over-simplified and often untrue belief about a particular category or group of people.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

stereotype

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

stereotype threat

Entry no.: 182

Definition: risk of confirming negative generalised beliefs about an individual's racial, ethnic, gender or cultural group.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from University of Colorado Boulder Center for Teaching & Learning (n.d.).

stereotype threat

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

student affairs

Entry no.: 183

Definition: services and support offered at universities, designed to facilitate learners' success and enrich their experience outside the classroom.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

student affairs

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

student development

Entry no.: 184

Definition: field of practice and research that promotes

the cognitive, emotional and social progress of learners throughout their educational experience.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

student development

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

student engagement

Entry no.: 185

Definition: extent to which learners are actively involved in educational activities, which can impact academic achievement and learning outcomes.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

student engagement

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

student outcomes

Entry no.: 186

Definition: knowledge, skills, abilities and attitudes that learners should have or achieve by the end of a programme of study.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

student outcomes

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

student performance

Entry no.: 187

Definition: demonstrated outcome of education, such as knowledge, skills and competencies a learner has acquired.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

student performance

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

student resources

Entry no.: 188

Definition: array of support and services available at schools and universities intended to assist learners in their health, well-being and academic success.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

student resources

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

student success

Entry no.: 189

Definition: learner's progress towards the achievement of their educational goals.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

student success

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

student voice

Entry no.: 190

Definition: values, opinions, beliefs, perspectives and cultural backgrounds of individual learners within an educational institution.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Great Schools Partnership (2013b).

student voice

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

student-centred learning

Entry no.: 191

Definition: approach that places learners at the centre of the education process, emphasising their active engagement, autonomy, and ownership of goals, while also fostering critical thinking and collaboration.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

student-centred learning

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

support services

Entry no.: 192

Definition: facilities, resources and programmes within an educational institution that provide assistance, accommodations, counselling and mentoring.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

support services

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

T

teacher training

Entry no.: 193

Definition: professional development activities and courses designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of educators in instructional strategies, inclusive practices, assessment methods, and understanding diverse student needs.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

teacher training

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

teaching strategies

Entry no.: 194

Definition: techniques and approaches used by educators to facilitate learning, engage students and meet their diverse needs.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

teaching strategies

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

tolerance

Entry no.: 195

Definition: attitude of acceptance, respect and open-mindedness toward individuals with different beliefs, cultures or identities.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

tolerance

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

transgender student

Entry no.: 196

Definition: learners who have a gender identity that differs from their assigned sex at birth.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Eastern Health (2019).

transgender student

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Grammatical gender: Neuter

Term source: Arqus Termbase

transition planning

Entry no.: 197

Definition: collaborative process of preparing students with disabilities or special needs for a change from one educational setting to another or from school to post-school life, including goal setting, skill development and connecting with appropriate support services.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

transition planning

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

transition services

Entry no.: 198

Definition: support provided to students with disabilities or special needs as they move from secondary school to postsecondary education or employment.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

transition services

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

trauma-informed care

Entry no.: 199

Definition: approach to providing health services that considers the impact of distress and promotes strategies for recovery.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

trauma-informed care

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

trauma-informed education

Entry no.: 200

Definition: approach that recognises and responds to the impacts of distress on students' behaviour, learning and well-being, emphasising safety, trust, empathy and supportive environments.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

trauma-informed education

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

twice-exceptional student

Entry no.: 201

Definition: person who demonstrates extraordinary abilities or gifts in one or more areas while also having a diagnosed disability or learning difference, requiring specialised educational approaches that address their unique strengths and challenges.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

twice-exceptional student

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Grammatical gender: Neuter

Term source: Arqus Termbase

U

universal access

Entry no.: 202

Definition: design and provision of resources, services and environments that can be used by all individuals, regardless of their abilities, disabilities or diverse needs.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

universal access

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

universal design

Entry no.: 203

Definition: process of creating products and environments so that they can be used by all people, regardless of their abilities, disabilities or diverse needs.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Universal Captions (n.d.).

universal design

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

universal design for learning

Entry no.: 204

Definition: educational framework that emphasises the

proactive design of instructional materials, strategies and assessments to provide multiple means of representation, engagement and expression, allowing all students to access and succeed in learning.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

universal design for learning

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

UDL

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

university accessibility

Entry no.: 205

Definition: degree to which a higher education institution's physical spaces, resources and educational materials are designed and organised to be easily used, including by those with disabilities or diverse learning needs.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

university accessibility

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

university admission

Entry no.: 206

Definition: process through which degree-seeking students enter tertiary education.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

university admission

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

university readiness

Entry no.: 207

Definition: set of skills, knowledge and behaviours that an individual should have before beginning their first year of tertiary education.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

university readiness

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase



visual impairment

Entry no.: 208

Definition: condition that significantly affects a person's vision, ranging from mild to severe limitations or blindness, and often requiring adaptations, accommodations and assistive technologies to access educational materials and information.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

visual impairment

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase

vocational training

Entry no.: 209

Definition: educational programmes or courses that prepare individuals for a specific trade or profession, usually involving the acquisition and development of practical skills rather than traditional academic education.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase

vocational training

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term source: Arqus Termbase



Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

Entry no.: 210

Definition: internationally recognised standards developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) to ensure that digital content, including websites and applications, can be understood and navigated by individuals with disabilities, providing instructions on design, coding and content presentation.

Definition source: Arqus Termbase. Adapted from Kuykendall (2023).

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

Usage status: Preferred

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Full form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

WCAG

Usage status: Admitted

Normative organisation: Arqus Alliance

Term type: Abbreviated form

Term source: Arqus Termbase

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