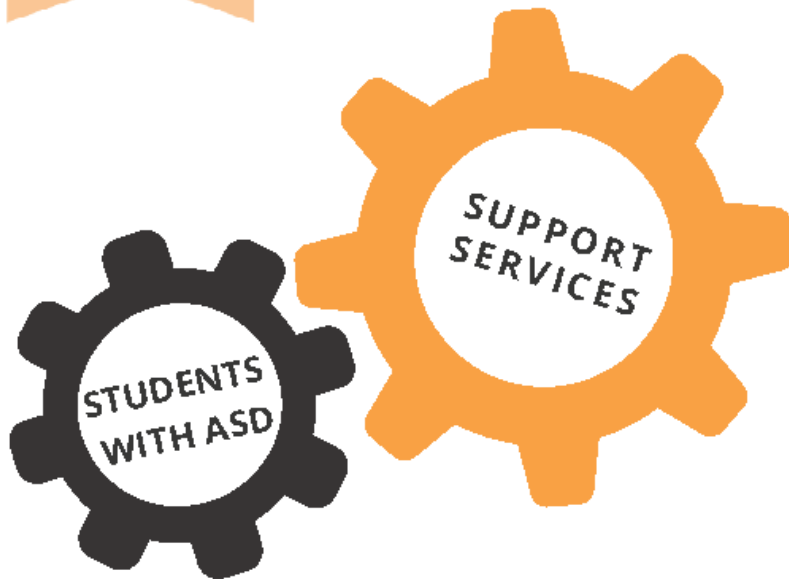




# UNIVERSITY LIFE WITH ASD: FACULTY KNOWLEDGE AND STUDENT NEEDS

College Autism Network **Fast Fact #12**

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**Students with ASD are frustrated trying to access to support**

"It's difficult to explain these issues to other people when they don't see an actual problem, because when you're diagnosed with mild [ASD], people don't understand that you actually need help with some things."

- 4th year university student with ASD

## Key Takeaways

- Accommodations offered at universities are not tailored to the needs of students with ASD.
- Professors had a limited understanding of the needs of students with ASD.
- Professors found the information available on supporting students with ASD to be overwhelming.

## Action Items

**Colleges and universities need to:**

- **Identify more suitable accommodations for students with ASD**
- **Provide disability and autism-specific trainings for faculty and staff**

## Other Resources

- College Autism Network's Virtual Association of Scholars (CANVAS)
- CAN Fast Fact #8: Why Accommodations Don't Always Work

### Source

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