



**SAMARKAND STATE UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER SHAROF RASHIDOV
(SAMDU)**

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 10
(SDG 10)**



Reducing socio-economic disparities within a nation, together with those based on age, sex, handicap, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status, is the focus of Goal 10. The objective also tackles disparities between nations, encompassing issues linked to representation, migration, and aid for development.

Samarkand State University is a suitable place that exhibits social integration, stability and harmony. It shows realistic commitment towards vulnerable categories like people of determination, citizens, widows, divorcees, and families in distress by providing them opportunities.

For instance, the university offers free education under the laws of the republic legislation to those who are economically disadvantaged, socially and ethnically ostracized, religiously exploited, orphans, etc. Crucial point: Everyone can receive free post-graduation education from the university. The university offers a range of scholarships to students from disadvantaged nations, luring them to Samarkand State University.

Numerous international students are efficiently pursuing their academic degrees while studying in various disciplines. Few of them have shared their opinions regarding Samarkand State University's welcoming atmosphere, learning opportunities, and accommodations.

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10.6.1 - Does your university as a body have an admissions policy which is non-discriminatory or which details and explains the logic for any appropriate positive discrimination policies in admissions, which is publicly posted?

The admission policy of Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov is dedicated to process admissions in a highly transparent and logical way. There is hardly any scope of discrimination in the university policy regarding admission. University provides all relevant information and necessary help to all aspirants without any discrimination.

The government of Uzbekistan also clarifies the admission procedure in the Higher Educational Institutions across the country. Samarkand State University follows these guidelines to make its policies transparent and accurate as per government orders.

<https://lex.uz/docs/5472291>

<https://www.samdu.uz/cy/news/28341>

10.6.2 - Does your university as a body measure/track applications & admissions of underrepresented (and potentially underrepresented) groups including ethnic minorities, low income students, non-traditional students, women, LGBT students, disabled students, and newly settled refugee students?

Samarkand State University tracks applications and admissions of different underrepresented groups including low-income, ethnic minorities, women, and disabled students. Currently, about 300 disabled students with various disabilities are pursuing their education at Samarkand State University. The university aims to create a healthy and free environment for students with disabilities or belonging to an underrepresented group. We develop easy hands-on educational material for differently abled students and we review it from time to time for updating with previous experiences.

University proactively implements the United Nations Convention “On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”, “Sustainable Development Goals”, “On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, and the Decree of the President “On Measures to further improve the system of education for children with special education needs”. In order to implement these affirmative plans, the following steps have been taken:

1. Established an inclusive education center under the academic affairs division of the university.
2. Uninterrupted education to all.
3. Improved study materials pertaining to the underrepresented groups.
4. Developing modern disability-friendly technology for differently abled students.
5. Providing a state of art computer lab for differently abled people for learning in a stress-free environment.
6. Established a strong and healthy supporting system in the form of youth organizations and trade unions for providing on-site help to disabled persons.

We are adopting more steps and introducing more programs to provide a platform for underrepresented groups including disabled people.

10.6.3 - Does your university as a body take planned actions to recruit students/staff/faculty from under-represented groups?

Diversity is one of Samarkand State University's guiding principles, and the institution has been taking several actions to ensure that it is maintained. The university has been offering helpful programs, such as skill-oriented training for underprivileged populations.

We provide ample space for all our students and staff to participate, perform, and proliferate in their goals as well as in achieving the university’s goals. We believe in inclusive growth, participation, recruitment, and performance.

In 2022, more than 20 (new) disabled people have been recruited at the university as per their skills, knowledge, and expertise.

More than 10 skill-oriented training program were conducted in different departments and faculties to provide state of the art training to the underrepresented groups. They participated and gained knowledge and skills to increase their chances of being recruited.



An orientation program was organized by the faculty of Pedagogy to provide state of art knowledge and training on scientific skills to women.

10.6.4 - Does your university as a body have anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies?

The goal of Samarkand State University is to provide a harassment- and discrimination-free learning environment that is safe and equitable for all. The university adheres to the anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Every staff member and student has equal access to all university services. The university forbids discrimination of any kind on the grounds of gender, religion, ethnicity, race, or color on its property.

10.6.5 - Does your university as a body have a diversity and equality committee, office and/or officer (or the equivalent) tasked by the administration or governing body to advise on and

implement policies, programmes, and trainings related to diversity, equity, inclusion and human rights on campus?

The Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov has two main sections to handle employee and student concerns, and it is very concerned about diversity and equality issues.

1. The Vice-Rector of Youth and Spirituality Affairs
2. Trade Union of Samarkand State University

https://www.samdu.uz/upload/content-files/SAMDU_Equality%2C%20Diversity%2C%20Inclusion%20policy.pdf

10.6.6 - Does your university as a body provide mentoring/counselling/peer support programmes to support students, staff, faculty from underrepresented groups?

Samarkand State University offers counseling and mentorship support to students and staff through its different departments, faculties, administrative sections, youth organization, and trade union. For example, the youth organization of Samarkand State University appointed a number of students coordinators to provide support as and when students need it.

Our approach is to provide consistent support to all our employees through the vice-rector of youth and spiritual affairs. Employees and students can contact the office of the vice-rector anytime and they have also provided the contact details to connect with them at any moment of time on need.

Trade Union is also responsible for peer support to employees of the university. They extend their support to all employees of the university by providing them with rights and legal support on need.

10.6.7 - Does your university as a body provide accessible facilities for people with disabilities?'

Wheelchair ramps are available to make it easier for students to enter and exit the university grounds, enabling students with disabilities to use all of the amenities located on campus. All of the facilities on the university premises are accessible to students with disabilities. In addition, the university provides an elevator (lift) for students with physical limitations, and its restrooms are made to meet their needs as well.

Samarkand State University's buildings are equipped with facilities required for differently abled people.



10.6.8 - Does your university as a body provide support services for people with disabilities? (e.g. personal assistants, interpreters)

The university provides accessible support to differently-abled people at university. The youth organization coordinators, trade union staff, and Vice-Rector office provide this support as needed. We provide them with personal assistance and technical support during their work and classes.

10.6.9 - Does your university as a body provide access schemes for people with disabilities?

The government of Uzbekistan recognizes its core values towards integrated and inclusive education for all. For this purpose, the government of Uzbekistan has legislated a degree with certain core principles for disable students for providing them necessary support and access at education centers.

<https://kun.uz/news/2020/05/08/nogironligi-bolgan-bolalar-uchun-alohida-sinflar-ochishinklyuziv-talim-tamoyiliga-togri-keladimi-ekspert-fikri>

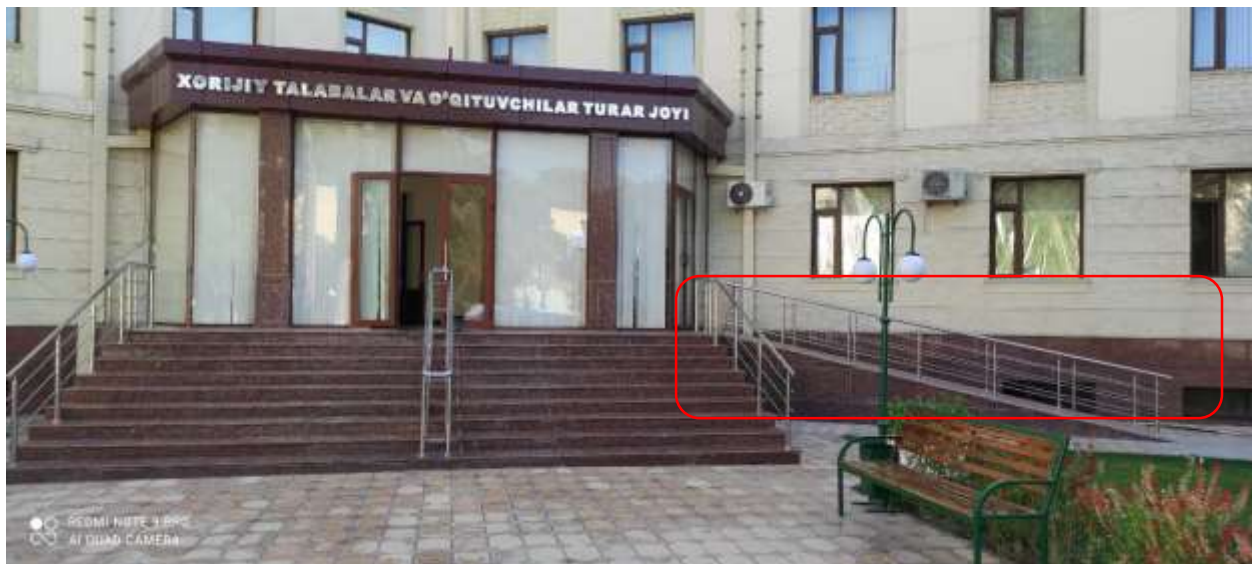
Samarkand State University is bound to follow the rules and regulations of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Therefore, University provides all necessary access to disable students and employees at the workplace. Samarkand State University's main campus is located at Bullwar which is well-

connected with all necessary amenities. It is easy to commute from here to there by taxi or cab or as a pedestrian. There are also a wide variety of shops and restaurants nearby. These shops sell their items at a reasonable cost with good quality.

Samarkand city is full of beautiful and adorable architecture which makes this city more attractable for tourists. Therefore, the city also facilitates international standards for their immigrants in terms of transport and education. There are numerous historical buildings like Registon Square, Mirza Ulugh Bek Observatory, Amir Taimur Statue, Gur-e-Amir and many more. University campus is on the main road that connects all heritage buildings, hospitals, rail stations and airport. Therefore, Students are experiencing easy access for necessary as well as recreational activities.

10.6.10 - Does your university as a body have a reasonable accommodation policy/strategy implemented, including adequately funded mechanism for persons with disability?

Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov has an accommodation policy, attributed to the reasonable accommodation of differently-abled persons. We provide accommodation to all kinds of disabled persons on priority to provide them better access to other required facilities. Our policy states the priorities and facilities for disabled persons.



In order to ensure priorities, Samarkand State University has developed the disability facilities in a meaningful way. For example, all hostels and buildings are having disability friendly ramps, toilets, lifts, and others.

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