Americans with Disability Act

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states that "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Enforcement and remedy of grievances are under the jurisdiction of the Office of Civil Rights.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law in 1990, greatly expands the provisions of the Rehabilitation Act, extending its jurisdiction to employment, covering businesses that employ 15 or more persons, public services (including transportation and public accommodation), work settings that employ more than 15 persons, and telecommunications services. Enforcement is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice.

The function of the ADA/504 Coordinator at Hunter is to make sure that the provisions of the laws are fully implemented, to advise on issues of reasonable accommodation, and to hear complaints.

The Section 504 Coordinator for the Disabled is Prof. Tamara Green. Her office is located in the West Building, Room 1425A, and she can be reached at 772-5061.