

## Options for Getting Textbooks in Alternative Format: MP3 Audio File

### What is MP3 Audio?

MP3 is an audio file format that plays on any device with an audio player (iTunes, QuickTime, RealPlayer, etc.). MP3 files from Disability Services are in high quality synthetic speech (female voice at normal speaking rate). MP3 files can be provided on CD, USB flash drive, or downloaded online via Dropbox.

Advantages:

- No need to learn or download specialized software or apps.

Disadvantages:

- Waiting for Disability Services to convert a book to MP3 is less immediate than downloading the book after direct purchase (digital version from the Bookstore) or through Bookshare/Learning Ally.
- MP3 files are a fixed format, restricting your options for voice and speaking rate.

### What do students need to access MP3 books?

To listen to MP3 files from Disability Services, students will need:

- Optional: A computer with a CD drive or USB port.
- An audio player (e.g., iTunes, QuickTime, RealPlayer, etc.).

For more information about MP3 files from Disability Services, please schedule an appointment:

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