



# Department of Disability Resources

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## Mission

Disability Resources staff members interact and collaborate with faculty, staff, and students to achieve an equitable learning environment for students with disabilities at Texas A&M University.

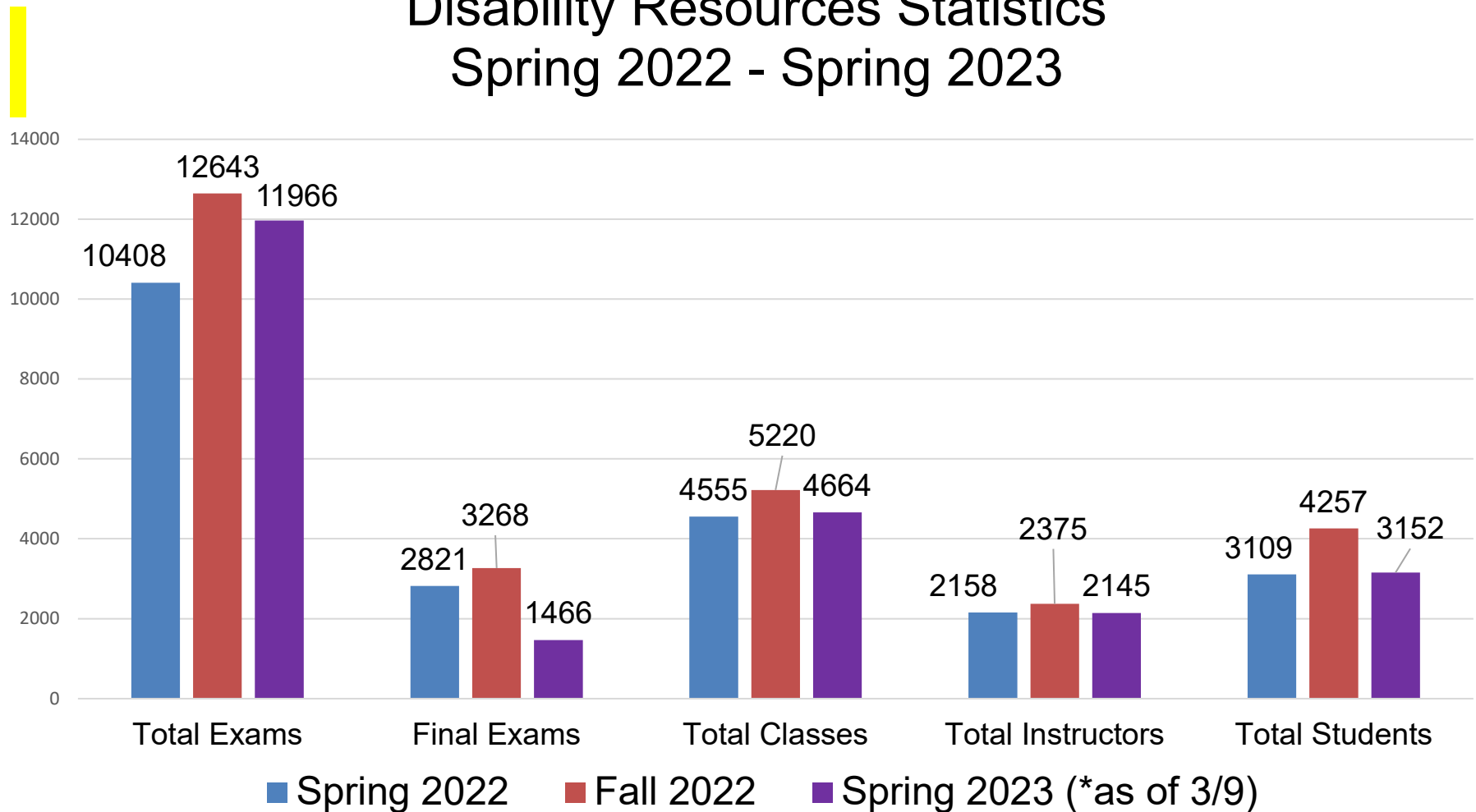
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# Responsibilities of Disability Resources

- Determine accommodations and address challenges students experience
  - Collaborate with faculty to address accessibility issues
  - Assistive technology assessment and provision
  - Providing testing accommodations- Disability Resources Testing Center (DRTC)
  - Managing sign language interpreting and transcription for academic purposes
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## Disability Resources Statistics Spring 2022 - Spring 2023



# Internal Challenges

- Continued increase in the number of students with accommodations
  - More complicated accommodation requests- modified attendance, remote classes, etc.
  - Staffing shortages (both student assistants and full-time staff)
  - Lack of adequate space- both for administrative tasks and for students to test
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## External Challenges

- Large number of instructors served
  - Lack of understanding of shared responsibility
  - Exams not received in timely manner (extensive staff time tracking down exams)
  - Instructors with specialized instructions for exam administration
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# Addressing the Challenges

- Changed final exams check-in process for most finals
  - Provided information to instructors at beginning of semester
  - External Review and University Working Group
  - Examining Testing Center staffing
  - Satellite testing centers?
  - Education for instructors
  - Proactive approach to inclusive class design
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