Office of Accessibility

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Who are we and what do we do?

- Accommodations for students
  - Academics, Parking, Housing, Dining
  - If the student has a documented disability or health condition that impacts their college experience, OA can probably help.

- Faculty/Employee accommodations are handled by the ADA Coordinator and the EEO Office.
- Pregnancy related accommodations are handled by the Title IX Office.
  - ❖Unless there are complications that rise to the level of disability.

- Compliance Office for AU
  - ADA and Section 504 of the Rehab Act

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How does OA determine appropriate accommodations?

1. Student completes online application and provides supporting documentation.
2. Documentation is reviewed by an Accommodation Specialist.
   - Documentation must meet the documentation guidelines on our website.
3. Intake Meeting between student and Specialist.
4. Accommodations are added to the AIM system.
5. Student submits Faculty Notifications through AIM and follows up with individual instructors.

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What services do we provide students?

- OA Testing Center
- Assistive Technology Support and Training
- Captioning and Sign Language
- Accessible Class Materials

- Adaptive Athletics
  - WC Basketball, WC Tennis, and Power WC Soccer

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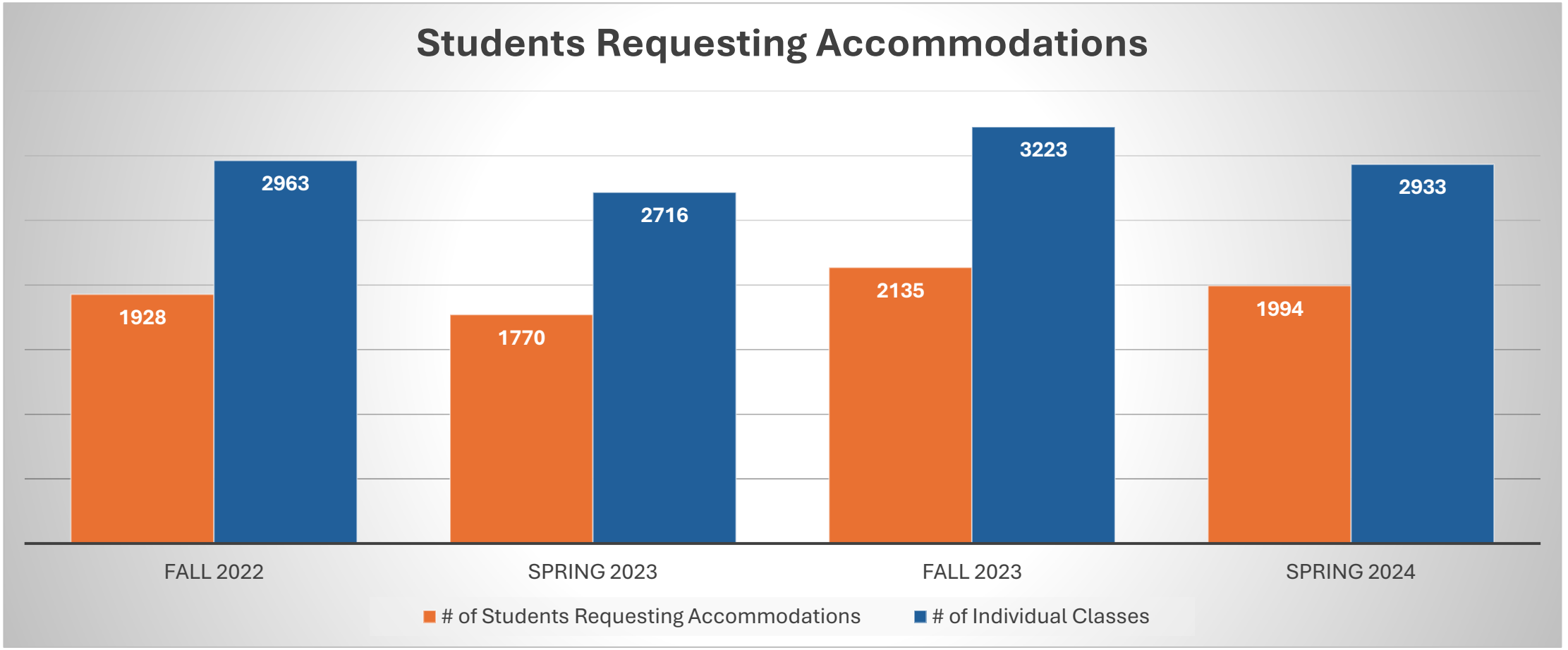

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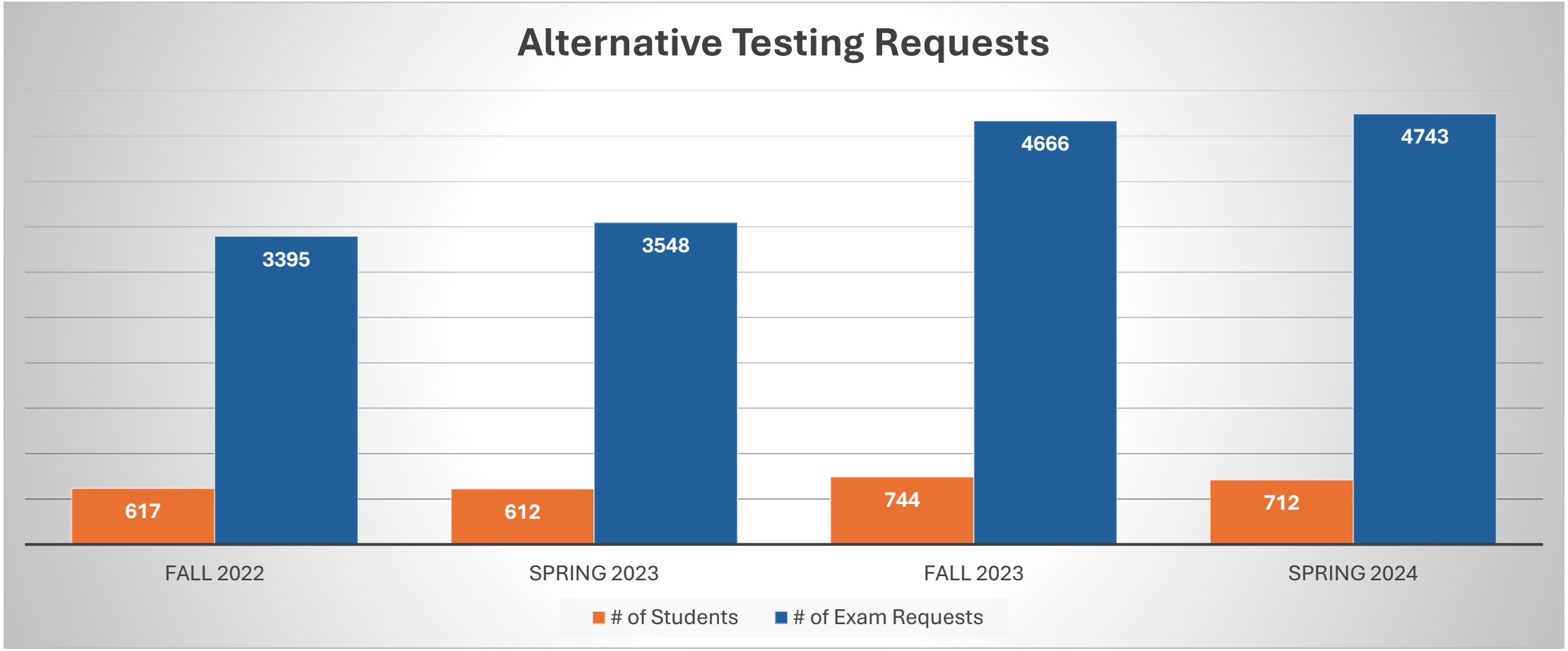

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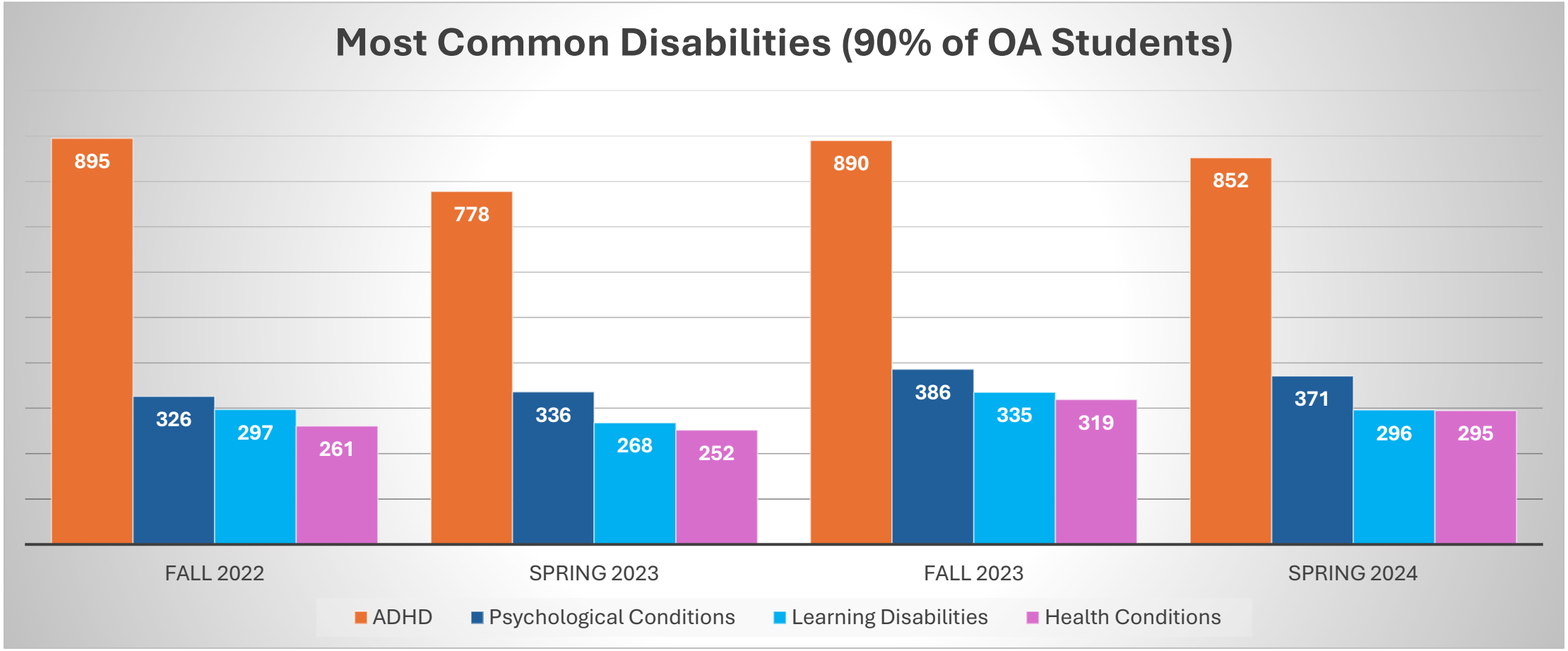

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How can OA support faculty?

- Common Syllabus Statement
- Clarification on Accommodation Descriptions
- Accessible Class Materials
- Guidance on Attendance-based Accommodations
- Classroom Furniture for Students with Physical Disabilities
- OA Testing Center

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New Department of Justice rule on web accessibility

- Accessibility requirements as they pertain to digital resources were recently expanded to include nearly all digital materials (Ex: Email, Mobile Apps, PDFs, Learning Management Systems, etc.).
- Auburn has created a workgroup that is evaluating the scope and impact of these new requirements, and we will share practical steps and guidance with the University community to ensure we are in compliance with the new DOJ rule.
- Canvas has an accessibility checker and the Biggio Center can support faculty to use it. The accessibility checker is called UDOIT and provides a convenient way to ensure compliance. Examples of support might include adding alt-text to images or converting PDF files to be screen reader friendly.

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Resources on Accessible Document Creation/Conversion

- https://accessibility.auburn.edu/faculty
- https://auburn.edu/eaccessibility
- https://aub.ie/udoit-userguide

To add UDOIT to your Canvas page:

Login -> Course -> Settings -> Navigation -> Find UDOIT and enable it. Then, click on the link in the navigation and go through the prompts.

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Questions?

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