

HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

1. Academic Studies

As a student with a disability you should know what your limits and challenges are and how those impact on your academics, it is important to communicate these challenges with your institution's disability unit. You need to make them aware of the implications of your disability because these limitations may cause delays in the way you learn and process information. Special arrangements might need to be made for you in order to allow you to function at your full capacity as a student. It is also important to get to know students without disabilities in order for you to be able to measure your pace against them so that you are able to realize when you are falling behind and therefore take the necessary actions to get back on track.

Having limitations may dictate that you require a variety of assistance, whether it is assistance getting around campus, a sign language interpreter or special assistance software. It is your responsibility as a student to request help, especially if you are not coping. Various institutions offer different assistance programmes for individuals with disabilities, it is very important that you find out what those are. Some of the services you can ask about are:

- Campus navigation assistance
- Specialised conversion software
- Special exams or extra time when writing exams
- Special speech to text software
- Library assistance

