

Support for students with

Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD)



What is a SpLD?

SpLD is a term used to describe processing, language and memory issues which affect approximately 10% of the population. This includes dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia. There are number of indicators of a SpLD, including:

- Difficulties with spelling, writing, grammar or using symbols.
- Slower reading speed or the need to re-read information.
- Difficulties expressing ideas, either verbally or in writing.
- Short term memory difficulties.
- Poor organisation and time management.

What evidence is required?

Your evidence should be a full diagnostic report carried out by a qualified and registered Specialist Teacher, Assessor or Psychologist.

How can I be assessed for a SpLD if I do not have the evidence?

Disability Services can link you with an independent qualified educational psychologist for a full diagnostic assessment. Contact Disability Services to request an appointment with a Disability Adviser to discuss the process.

If you decide to proceed with an assessment, this will be offered in person or online. The psychologist will ask you to complete a range of tasks to establish a profile of how you may be affected by a SpLD.

A full written report will be made available to you after the assessment.

What support is available?

You will receive support that is individual to you, and this may include:

- Accommodations in lectures such as copies of teaching materials in advance.
- Adjustments in assessment and exams such as additional time or the use of a computer.
- Assistance to apply for funding to access support, such as the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA).
- Access to assistive technology such as read aloud software, speech to text software and spell-checking support.
- Allocation of support workers such as specialist one-to-one support tutors, note takers, exam support workers.
- Support to link with services across the University such as the Library Disability Support Adviser, HudStudy for guidance and training around assistive technology or Academic Skills Tutors in your academic school.



Contact Disability Services

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