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What is a disability?

A physical disability or mental health difficulty which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on one's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

These may include:

- Physical disabilities, e.g. mobility needs or co-ordination difficulties
- Visual impairment
- Deafness or being hard of hearing
- Medical needs, e.g. asthma, heart problems, HIV, epilepsy, cancer and MS
- Mental health difficulties, including depression, anxiety, eating disorders and panic attacks
- Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD).

How can the university support you?

The university makes a number of anticipatory adjustments to enable students with disabilities to access our services.

These include:

- Induction loops in main lecture theatres and portable loops for hearing disabilities
- Good access to most buildings
- TextHelp Read and Write Gold and Inspiration software available on networked PCs
- Parking for blue badge holders
- Magnification and reading software on dedicated machines in libraries.

There is a dedicated Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator (Disability & Dyslexia) on each campus to advise on and recommend individual, reasonable adjustments as appropriate. To access these adjustments, you must be a registered student and register with the student wellbeing service and provide suitable medical or diagnostic evidence.

For more information about our services, anticipatory and individual reasonable adjustments please visit [gre.ac.uk/dd](https://www.gre.ac.uk/dd)

Special Exam Arrangements

Students who have had exam arrangements in place previously (e.g. extra time) will need to register with the Student Wellbeing Service in order for these to happen at the University of Greenwich. We will need to see some evidence of the reason your exam arrangements are required such as a doctor's letter or a diagnostic assessment report. Please contact us as soon as possible in order to ensure your exam arrangements can be put in place. Deadlines for making these requests are usually at least six weeks before an exam occurs.

Disabled Students' Allowances

You may be eligible for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs).

DSAs help pay for extra costs you may incur when studying your programme that arise as a direct result of your disability or specific learning difficulty. The allowances may help with the cost of non-medical personal help. This could include a specialist mentor or a specialist study skills tutor. The allowances may also help with costs for specialist equipment such as assistive technology including software and sometimes travel costs. If you are asked to make a £200 contribution towards a DSA-funded computer, the University of Greenwich may be able to pay this on your behalf.

To qualify, you must have a disability, SpLD or medical condition and both you and your programme must meet other eligibility criteria.

How to apply

Prospective students should apply for DSAs early in the year they expect to start a programme (January–June). Early application will help you to get support in place before your programme begins. However, you can apply at any time. Your school or college can help you to complete your application. Alternatively, current students can make an appointment with the Student Wellbeing Service.

Non-medical helpers/support workers

New students who have a DSA award to fund a support worker can organise this support using the information in their DSA award letter (also called Notification of Entitlement). If you need any help in doing this, please contact the Student Wellbeing Service and make an appointment to see a Co-ordinator. We will need a copy of your timetable and DSA awards letter.

Specialist Study Skills

The university can provide one-to-one specialist study skills for students who have a DSA award, subject to availability. Where we are unable to offer support ourselves we can advise on how to change your support provider. To access the support available to you please make an appointment to see a Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator (Disability & Dyslexia). You will need to bring your DSA awards letter with you.

How to register with the service

Students with dyslexia and other specific learning difficulties

To help you register quickly, please book an appointment in the first few months of term. Please bring a copy of your most recent diagnostic evidence for our records. If you already have a DSA assessment of need for your current programme, please bring that as well.

Students with disabilities/medical conditions

Please make an appointment with a Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator (Disability & Dyslexia). You will need to bring some recent documentary evidence of your disability, e.g. a letter from your GP or consultant, an audiologist's report, or evidence that you are registered blind. Letters should be on headed paper and signed and dated. They should state the name of the condition, how long you have had it, and how it affects you (including the side effects of any prescribed drugs). If you already have a DSA assessment of need for your current programme, please bring that as well.

Booking appointments

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