



**ADVICE
for the
DYSLEXIC
STUDENT**



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It is important to remember that being dyslexic should NOT prevent you from attending college or university.

To ensure that you receive appropriate help and support we would advise that you should disclose your dyslexia on your application form. Further/Higher Education establishments must have some knowledge about dyslexia and should have a wide range of support facilities available. You should contact the Support for Learning Department/Officer to discuss your individual needs and find out what help may be available to you. Do not expect your adviser to do everything for you. Only ask for what you need and do not make unreasonable requests. An up-to-date assessment may be required before Special Arrangements are considered.



Choosing a College/University

To help YOU to arrive at the right decision for YOU regarding choice of college/university here are some questions you should consider -

Q Is there someone responsible for advising dyslexic students?

Q Will my lecturers be notified that I am dyslexic and the implications this may have on my work?

Q Will I be given time allowance and other helpful arrangements for essays/course work eg proof reading?

Q Can I receive photocopies of lecture notes.

Q Will I get an individual assessment to highlight what information communication technology could be appropriate for me.

Q Will I get appropriate Special Exam Arrangements eg extra time, reader/scribe, use of a computer etc?

All colleges and universities do not offer the same level of support and facilities so it very important to ask each establishment individually.



Beginning the Course

Before arriving to take part in a course you should again contact and arrange to meet with your Student Advisor to confirm what appropriate help/aids will be available to YOU.

You should also take along to this meeting your psychological assessment. If you feel nervous or unsure about how to articulate your needs during the meeting you should think about taking along a parent/teacher/friend who can help you to absorb all the information that you will be given.

It is important to find out if you are eligible to apply for Disabled Student Allowance (DSA). To do this your course must be Higher National Certificate or above. If you are eligible it may allow you to purchase a PC/laptop and specialist information technology software.

Contact details for Disabled Student Allowance - TEL 0845 111 0244

email saas-4@scotland.gov.uk

Website www.saas.gov.uk

Form www.saas.gov.uk/forms/DSAFormFT.pdf

Getting results



Do not hesitate to look for advice from your lecturers. Lecturers and students should mutually agree and work out suitable actions, layouts and timescales in which projects/assignments are to be handed in.

Try to clarify and standardise with your lecturers what assistance (extra time, helpful tools etc.) you will receive before any written work is given out. This will assist for forward planning.

On starting your course it is a good idea to join your Student Union who can be supportive if issues do arise.

GOOD LUCK



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