Support for Students in Higher Education (HE)
Disabled students in HE have access to two packages of support:

- Support by the University
- Support by the Government: Disabled Students’ Allowances (DSA)
Support by the University

- Disability advice and guidance
- Liaising with academic staff about students’ study needs
- Reasonable adjustments
  - Exam concessions
  - Ergonomic equipment
  - Extended library loans
  - 1:1 support
- Specialist Mental Health Support
- Counselling
Sunny Hill House

• **Disability and Dyslexia Service**
  Telephone: 020 8411 2502
  Email: disability@mdx.ac.uk
  Drop-in: Mon-Friday 1-2pm

• **Counselling and Mental Health Service**
  Telephone: 020 8411 4118
  Email: CMH@mdx.ac.uk
  Drop-in: Mon-Friday 2-3pm
  Online self-referral for counselling
Disabled Students’ Allowances

The DSA is a grant to help students in HE

Who is eligible for DSA?

Students who have:

- disabilities
- long term medical conditions
- specific learning differences
- mental health difficulties
All of these conditions (and many more) can make you eligible for DSA:

- Anxiety
- OCD
- Tinnitus
- Sickle Cell
- Tennis elbow
- ADHD
- Lupus
- Bi-polar disorder
- Crohn’s
- Dysgraphia
- Epilepsy
- High blood pressure
- Dyslexia
- Alice in Wonderland syndrome
- Diabetes
- Depression
- Arthritis
- PTSD
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DSA grant would be considered for any condition that has a:

substantial, long term and adverse effect on the student’s ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.
Meet our experienced DSA Study Needs assessors

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxUdV0FYu8s&feature=youtu.be
What can DSA help with?

- One-to-one support, e.g. study skills or mentoring
- Travel to university when feeling unwell
What can DSA help with?

- Ergonomic equipment for home
- IT equipment and assistive software
The DSA process....

• Collect the evidence (medical letter, diagnostic report)
• Apply for DSA
• Receive the DSA entitlement letter
• Book an appointment with a DSA assessment centre
• Have the Study Needs Assessment
• Receive the report
• Receive DSA award letter
• Contact the support suppliers

The responsibility is yours!

Start the process now!

It may take 3 months from start to finish!
Things to consider:

• Do you have or might have a disability, SpLD or other health condition?

• Do you have medical evidence/ SpLD diagnostic report?

• Why not apply for DSA at the same time as for your course fee? You can do it online!
Contact us!

• Book your Study Needs Assessment

North London Regional Access Centre (NLRAC)
Sheppard Library
Lower Ground Floor

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