

DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCES (DSA)

UK students may be eligible to apply to their funding body for DSA (a grant for disabled students who may incur extra course-related costs).

DSA might pay for things like:

- Assistive software
- Other specialist equipment
- Non-medical helpers for study support
- An allowance for consumables

You can apply before your course starts. For detailed information and application forms, see the government's website:

www.gov.uk

ACCESS CENTRE

If you are eligible for DSA, you will be asked to book an Assessment of Need at an access centre.

The assessment determines the support that DSA will provide.

We can arrange an assessment for you at the Colchester or Southend campuses. Contact us to book an appointment.

Student support

Disability support



www.essex.ac.uk/students/disability

KEEP IN TOUCH.

Regular communication will help us to make sure the appropriate support is in place when you need it.

If you have a disability, medical condition or specific learning difficulty which may affect your studies, talk to us.

WE CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION OR HELP YOU TO CO-ORDINATE SUPPORT.

YOU WILL HAVE A NAMED ADVISER WHO YOU CAN CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A QUERY.

YOU CAN ALSO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE ONE OF OUR DUTY ADVISORS DURING OPENING HOURS FOR HELP AND ADVICE.

CONTACT DETAILS AND OPENING HOURS ARE PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.ESEX.AC.UK/STUDENTS/CONTACT

You can also talk to us about:

INDIVIDUAL EXAM ARRANGEMENTS

If you need arrangements to help you sit your exams eg extra time or a paper in a large print, we can help you to apply.

LECTURE AND CLASS RECORDINGS

[\(Colchester Campus\)](#)

Listen Again lets you to listen to lectures and classes again in your own time, which can help with taking notes, learning new topics or reviewing discussions.

TUTORIALS

Tutorials are one-to-one sessions which can cover things like time management, making notes, organising ideas, referencing, revision and exam techniques. Your funding from DSA may allow for weekly sessions.

COVERSHEETS

If your impairment affects your writing, eg for dyslexia, you can use coversheets to alert tutors marking your work. If the assessment allows, markers should not penalise you for characteristics of your disability.

ASSISTIVE SOFTWARE

Specialist software may help you to access your studies eg speech to text software, text to speech software and mind mapping software. Some assistive software is available in the computer labs on campus.

ACCESS

We can provide information about accessible accommodation and parking at the University. We have Braille maps and access maps to help you find your way and tours of campus are available for new students.

DEPARTMENTAL DISABILITY LIAISON OFFICER

You will also have a named contact in your department if you have concerns about your course.

STUDENTS' UNION DISABLED STUDENTS OFFICER

The Students' Union represents the sporting, recreational and academic interests of its students. Each year a Disabled Students' Officer is elected to represent you and help with issues that affect you.

LIBRARY [\(Colchester Campus\)](#)

As well as extensions on short-term-loan library books, you can extend your loan period electronically. The library has specialist librarians.