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| What evidence do I need to provide to show I have a Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD) such as dyslexia? | Diagnostic assessment reports/evidence of Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs) are considered on a case- by-case basis.Your assessment report must provide **clear evidence of, and the rationale for,** the identification of a specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia -**see SpLD Working Group 2005 DfES Guidelines p.5-6**) which **meets the definition of disability in Section 6 of the Equality Act 2010.** **The evidence should “relate to the agreed definitions of the relevant SpLD and to the related diagnostic criteria”** (SpLD Working Group 2005/DfES Guidelines p.23).A Joint Council for Qualifications **Form 8 Application of Access Arrangements** is **NOT SUFFICIENT to show that you have a Specific Learning Difficulty.****Please note that arrangements that were in place at a previous institution will NOT necessarily be made at UoB.****You must provide:****Either**A full diagnostic assessment report completed in accordance with SASC guidelines <https://sasc.org.uk/> , signed by a Chartered Educational Psychologist who holds a current Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC ) certificate (or equivalent for assessments carried out overseas).***OR***A full diagnostic assessment report, which meets SASC guidelines, <https://sasc.org.uk/> completed by a Specialist Teacher Assessor holding a current assessment practising certificate (APC). **For further information on suitable tests, download Revised Test Guidelines from:** [**Test Lists (sasc.org.uk)**](https://sasc.org.uk/assessment-guidance/test-lists/). If you have **dyspraxia**, which has been identified by a medical professional, you will need to provide documentation confirming the diagnosis and identifying how your SpLD is likely to impact on your performance (in the education setting) on a day- to- day basis. |
| What if I do not have the required evidence? | You are responsible for obtaining your full diagnostic assessment and meeting the cost. We would advise you to have the assessment before you come to University. |
| What reasonable adjustments might I get as a result of providing the required evidence? | * 25% extra time in examinations and possibly the use of a computer. Candidates for A100/A101 (Medicine) should note that extra time is only permissible in non-clinical exams.
* Disability-related extended deadlines for coursework (where appropriate).
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| What about the Disabled Students’ Allowances?  | Home students can apply for Disabled Students’ Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of the extra disability-related costs they may have whilst studying at University.If you are applying for [Disabled Student's Allowances](https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa), your funding body (e.g. Student Finance England) will also need evidence to decide if you are eligible for funding. **N.B.** **The evidence required by your funding body may not match what the University needs in order to make recommendations for reasonable adjustments.** |