If you are trying to manage the demands of university as well as a health condition, learning disability or have personal circumstances that are having an impact on your studies, our disability services may be able to provide you with assistance.

What you need to know

Overview of disability services

Discover the things you need to know about studying with a disability at university as well as some answers to some commonly asked questions.

Register for support

If you want to receive support during your time at university for your disability needs then you will need to register for disability support.

Mental Health

The above video was an initiative started by the Disability Support Officer, Jack Crane, for Mental Health Month in 2016. Focusing on wellbeing, we wanted to broaden the goals to increase awareness at UNSW not just for Mental
Health Month but throughout the year and ongoing. This, in turn, raises awareness and support for students who experience mental ill-health.

Disability Services is here to support students whether their condition is permanent, episodic or temporary and we understand that mental health doesn’t fall into one neat box. If you would like to talk more about support provided to students with diagnosed or undiagnosed mental health condition please contact Disability Services on 9385 4734 or disabilities@unsw.edu.au

Types of support and educational adjustments

Classwork support

Some of the educational adjustments you may need might apply to managing your coursework. Here you will find an overview of how you might be supported at UNSW and your Letter of Support.

Alternative formatting

If reading text is difficult for you, you may be eligible to have material converted into alternative formats.

Assistive technology

If you need technology to assist you in learning your course material, Disability Services have a range of specialised computer software and equipment.

Exam adjustments

Whether you need access to food and drink for medical reasons or need extra time to complete exams due to your disability, then we may be able to arrange exam adjustments for you.

Notetaking

If you are unable to take notes for yourself and have medical documentation to support your condition, you may be eligible for notetaking services.

Peer mentoring

If you are a first year commencing student in an undergraduate degree and are registering with a disability, Disability Services runs its own SPEERS peer mentoring program so that you can connect with advanced year UNSW students. You can Register to be a Mentee at the start of semester.

Special consideration

If unexpected major events such as illness or a death in the family prevent you from completing your assessments or sitting an exam, you may be eligible for special consideration.

Summer term support

If you are planning on taking courses during the Summer Semester then find out what this will mean for your educational adjustments.

Forms

Forms for disability support

Here you can find a list of forms relating to disability support.
If you know at the start of the Semester that you cannot meet the attendance requirements for a course you need to discuss options with your Disability Adviser by contacting them disabilities@unsw.edu.au. An alternative assessment may be an option which you need to agree about with teaching staff at the start of the semester and your Disability Advisor can assist you with this.

Contacts and appointments

Contact a Disability Advisor