

Diagnostic Assessment

for Dyslexia and Specific Learning
Difficulties (SpLDs)



What is the assessment for?

- We are assessing you to find out if you have Dyslexia or if you have indications of any Specific Learning Difficulties/Differences (SpLD) such as Dyspraxia.
- The assessment will explore your strengths and weaknesses to give a profile that indicates whether your difficulties are due to Dyslexia/SpLD. The assessment may also show that you do not have Dyslexia/SpLD (even if a previous screening has indicated that you may have).
- The assessor may recommend reasonable adjustments that may need to be made to help you access the course e.g. extra time in exams, one-to-one study skills tuition, assistive technology, etc.
- If you are diagnosed with Dyslexia/SpLD, the assessment report can be used to help you apply for funding such as Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) so that you can access additional support for your studies.

What's involved?

- A range of tests in order to consider your strengths and weaknesses. These are not examinations and you cannot pass or fail them. The tests look at a range of skills which include literacy and sometimes numeracy.
- An in-depth discussion about your background, such as your education, family and any relevant medical conditions. The discussion will also explore other aspects of your life such as your organisational skills, concentration and manual dexterity.

How long will it take?

- The assessment usually takes between 2 to 4 hours.



What should you bring with you?

- Any previous diagnostic assessment reports or information concerning study support and/or examination access arrangements (e.g. readers, extra time, etc.).
- Prescription glasses - if you wear them for reading.
- Coloured overlay - if you use one for reading.
- A pen that you are comfortable using and familiar with.

What will your assessor need from you?

- The way you approach the assessment is very important as your assessor will need to feel confident that you are able to give your best efforts. Please ensure that you are feeling well and are able to do this on the day.

What happens after the assessment?

- At the end of the assessment you will be given verbal feedback.
- A written report will then be compiled and either forwarded on to you or you will be invited back in to discuss it at a later date.
- In either case, you are most welcome to contact the assessor to discuss the report further.
- You will then (if appropriate) be advised on the process of making an application for funding such as Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to access the support available and discuss your options with you more fully.

How much does a diagnostic assessment cost?

- A diagnostic assessment at UWE currently costs £300.
- You may be eligible for a partial reduction of the cost.

What do you need to do in advance of your diagnostic assessment?

- You will be asked to complete and return a pre-assessment questionnaire within 5 working days of your assessment.
- Any outstanding balance owed by you must be paid in full no later than 5 working days before your assessment.
- Please ensure that your questionnaire and payment are submitted on time. Failure to do so may result in your assessment being cancelled.

For more information or to book an appointment, please:

- Call 0117 32 83589
- E-mail dyslexia@uwe.ac.uk
- Visit the Dyslexia/SpLD Service in 2P39 Frenchay Campus
- Go to www.uwe.ac.uk/dyslexia
- Or alternatively contact any of UWE's Campus Information Points at Frenchay, Glenside, Bower Ashton or Gloucester

This information can be provided in alternative formats upon request.

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