DCD / Dyspraxia Specific Supports

Common challenges for students with DCD/Dyspraxia

- Handwriting, copying diagrams, and writing notes from the board.
- Fine motor skills for accuracy e.g. in laboratory work.
- Concentration, time management, and planning.
- Expressing thoughts clearly.
- Sensitivity to sensory information such as sound, light, or touch.
- Written expression, work organisation, visual skills, oral skills.

Commonly used teaching & learning techniques

- Handouts in advance.
- Students can contact their Disability Officer in situations where a deadline may be needed.
- Prioritised reading lists.
- Recording lectures.

Commonly used exam accommodations

- Low distraction venue.
- Extra time.
- Use of computer in exam.
Disability Service Supports

Occupational Therapy
- Help navigating the college facilities on and offline.
- Help the student to develop a balanced routine and weekly plan.
- Help you stay on track of coursework by developing plans and setting goals.
- Offer guidance about Social and Leisure engagement.
- Assist with preparation for placement and other work experiences.

Specialist Academic Support
Meeting with the Academic Support specialist can work well alongside your OT and AT meetings, or by itself. Academic support meetings are great when approaching exams, or to help you stay organised with your academic work throughout the year. Some things you may address in a 1:1 meeting:
- Becoming familiar with Blackboard and online systems.
- Developing a study plan.
- Specific study skills.

Assistive technology
Assistive Technology can be both high and low tech and can help you perform tasks more easily. Students with DCD / Dyspraxia commonly use the following:
- Speech to text software.
- Grammarly.
- Note taking.
- Touch typing.
Where can I find more information about the Disability Service?

How to access the ASKDS Disability Service Blackboard module

1. Log in to Blackboard Learn
2. Click on ‘Module Search’.
3. Type ‘Disability Service Supports’ in the ‘Module Search’ box and click ‘Go’.
4. If more than one module appears, click on the drop-down arrow beside ‘ASKDS’ under the ‘MODULE ID’ field.
5. Click on ‘Enrol’.
6. Click on ‘Submit’.

Find the Disability Service on social media

Twitter: @TCDAbility
Facebook: Trinity Disability Service
Instagram: @TCDAbility
Youtube: DS Service TCD

Be sure to meet with a Disability Service (DS) staff member to complete your LENS report.

Need more help? Just askds@tcd.ie