



## Assessments for SpLDs: dyslexia, ADHD, etc.

UAL offers students screenings and assessments for specific learning differences (SpLDs), including dyslexia, dyspraxia and ADHD. To request a screening, please phone the Disability Service on **020 7514 6156** or email **disability@arts.ac.uk**

The screening and assessment process can take up to a full term. If you are in the final year of a BA course, you need to arrange a screening before **30 September**. More information is on the next page.

### Step 1

**A 45 minute screening.** You will be able to find out more about specific learning differences, and see if a full assessment is appropriate or beneficial  
**Timescale: Screening appointment within two to three weeks**

### Step 2

**A referral for assessment.** You will be referred to an external assessor and you will receive email notification of this.  
**Timescale: Referral within two weeks of screening date**

### Step 3

**An appointment for assessment.** Your assessor will contact you to arrange an appointment for a diagnostic assessment.  
**Timescale: Contact from the assessor within two weeks of referral date**

### Step 4

**A full diagnostic assessment.** This will take about two and a half hours to complete with a qualified assessor  
**Timescale: Diagnostic report sent from the assessor within two weeks of the assessment**

### Step 5

**If a diagnosis is confirmed,** a Disability Adviser will offer you an appointment. This is to discuss your access and support needs.  
**Timescale: A Disability Adviser will contact you within 3 working days of receiving your report**

## Important information about screening deadlines

The screening and assessment process can take up to a full term. If you are in the final year of your course, you need to arrange a screening before the screening deadline below:

- If your **course end date is June or July**, your screening deadline is **30 September**.
- If your **course end date is between September and March**, your screening deadline is **30 June**.
- If you study a course which is one year, or follows non-standard term dates, please get in touch. A different screening deadline may be agreed if early contact is made

We won't normally offer a screening if you contact us after your screening deadline. This is because there will not be enough time to put support in place before you finish studying. If you have missed the screening deadline you can contact the Disability Service for advice.

## What is the purpose of a screening or assessment?

The purpose of having a screening and assessment is to find out if you have a specific learning difference, such as dyslexia. If you do, the Disability Service can support you while you are studying. Students who are already eligible for support from the Disability Service may not need a screening or assessment.

## What happens if I get a diagnosis?

A Disability Adviser will contact you within 3 working days of receiving your diagnostic report. They will offer you an appointment where you can discuss your access and support needs. You need to meet with a Disability Adviser before any support or adjustments are set up. No information will automatically be shared with your course.

## What happens if I don't get a diagnosis?

A Study Skills Support Coordinator will contact you within 3 working days of receiving your report. The Study Skills Support Coordinator will signpost you to other support available at UAL. They can also answer questions you may have about your assessment.

## I have already been diagnosed with dyslexia at school. Do I need to attend a screening?

If you have been previously diagnosed with dyslexia or another specific learning difference, you may not need to attend a screening or assessment. Please send any paperwork you have about this to [disability@arts.ac.uk](mailto:disability@arts.ac.uk). We can then advise you on next steps.

## I have just received my diagnosis. How quickly can I get additional time for my essay?

Additional time isn't arranged automatically. You need to meet with your Disability Adviser, to discuss your access and support needs. Your Disability Adviser will contact you within 3 working days of receiving your report. They will offer you an appointment to begin to set up support. There can be a wait of up to two weeks for an appointment. Your Disability Adviser will need written consent to share information in order to arrange additional time. They will also offer an in depth discussion about what other support may be available.

## Do you offer assessments for ADHD?

Our assessors cannot formally diagnose ADHD. However, they are qualified to diagnose the indicators of ADHD as a specific learning difference. This is what is needed in order to access support in education. If you wish to seek a formal medical diagnosis after being assessed at UAL, your Disability Adviser can give some guidance on this.

## Do you offer assessments for autism?

Our assessors cannot diagnose autism. To get an autism diagnosis, you should talk to your doctor. Your doctor may then make a referral to a specialist. A Disability Adviser can discuss this with you. Please make sure to send us any existing evidence of an autism diagnosis.

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