

## Support for disabled students at Imperial College London

The **Disability Advisory Service** is open to all Imperial College applicants and students, whether they have an established disability, or are considering the possibility of assessment for a specific learning difficulty. We offer confidential advice, support and guidance on a range of issues, including:

- Access arrangements for examinations
- Screening and assessments for specific learning difficulties
- Arranging disability-related support
- Getting additional evidence of disability (if required)
- Learning and teaching support, e.g. longer library loans, accessing assistive technology, adjustments to teaching materials, specialist one-to-one study skills support and specialist mentoring.

To arrange an appointment with a Disability Advisor, contact us at:

**Disability Advisory Service**

**Imperial College London**

**566 Sherfield Building**

**South Kensington Campus**

**T: 020 759 49755**

**[disabilities@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:disabilities@imperial.ac.uk)**

**[www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service)**

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## **What to expect**

The transition from school to university can be challenging for any young person, but it can be especially so for someone on the Autism Spectrum. The Disability Advisory Service can:

- Support students with AS transitioning from school to university.
- Enable students to develop the independent skills associated with studying at university, by addressing an individual's specific needs.

## **Disclosure**

Disclosing an AS diagnosis to the College ensures that a student's specific needs can be addressed, and that reasonable adjustments can be put in place to help reduce or remove barriers to study. For further information, see our leaflet 'Disclosing a disability'.

## **Accessing support**

**Before starting university...** Prospective students are encouraged to contact the Disability Advisory Service well before their course starts, for support during the transition process to university.

**On arrival at Imperial College London...** New students should contact the Disability Advisory Service for confidential advice and to ensure that they are aware of all the support options available to them. For example, the Disability Advisory Service can help an individual with AS to access specialist study mentoring. Mentoring sessions can assist students in developing the specific skills required for effective study at higher education level. For further information, see our leaflet 'Specialist Mentoring'. Students should also contact their Departmental Disability Officer (DDO), who can facilitate specific academic support such as applying for additional examination arrangements (e.g. extra time), if appropriate.

To find out the name of your DDO, go to:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service/support/ddos](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service/support/ddos)

## **AS Advisor**

Our team includes a Disability Advisor with a specialism in Autism Spectrum Conditions who works with students at an early stage of transition to help identify individual support needs and ensure that any reasonable adjustments are put in place. We also provide support and advice on an ad hoc or ongoing basis for those students who require it. To make an appointment, contact the Disability Advisory Service (information overleaf).