**TCSU CPR04: Disability Policy**

The College, Swansea University is fully committed to a policy of equal opportunities for staff and students and aims to create an environment which ensures that all students have equal learning opportunities. This policy applies to all long-term issues including sensory or physical impairments, long-term medical conditions, specific learning difficulties (SpLD), autistic spectrum conditions (ASC), and mental health conditions.

1. **Admissions**

Applications from candidates with medical conditions and Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs) will be assessed for the course in question but will also be subject to the ability of the applicant to meet any professional practitioner requirements.

The Admissions process for International students of The College is managed by Navitas.

The University’s Wellbeing and Disability Service may be consulted to establish whether a student’s support needs can be met for the full duration of the intended programme of study.

The process for considering applications from individuals with medical conditions/SpLDs is outlined in the Swansea University Admissions Policy <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/media/overarching-admissions-policy-October-2023-.pdf>. The information that a student provides will help The College, Swansea University to establish support and exam requirements. Both The College and Swansea University values a diverse community of staff and students and disclosure about a medical condition or SpLD will not prejudice an application.

Disclosure of a medical condition/SpLD can be done at any point through the application stage, or at any point during a student’s studies with The College and Swansea University. If a student chooses not to disclose a medical condition or SpLD then they may not be able to access the full range of support available.

1. **Reasonable Adjustments**

The University Reasonable Adjustment Policy for Learning and Assessment can be found here: <https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/academic-life/academic-regulations/aqs-policies/reasonable-adjustment--policy-for-learning-and--assessment/>

The majority of requests for adjustments must be supported with current documentary evidence to confirm the impact of the disability. Documentation should be up to date and provided in English and evidence the impact that the medical condition/SpLD has on a day to day basis. An official stamped translation should be provided if the documentation is not written in English in the first instance.

Applicants from outside the UK should be aware that international students are not eligible for the Disabled Students’ Allowance funding. Students are advised to contact their home

Government for information on any funding that may be available as a disabled student. Students should be aware that they may need to meet the cost of support themselves if funding is not available, and depending on the support provision that needs to be made for them.

**3. Support**

Any student requiring additional support related to their disability can access The College team via the following channels:

* Email – [the-college@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:the-college@swansea.ac.uk) (9am to 5pm weekdays)
* Telephone – 01792 602888 (9am to 5pm weekdays)
* Live chat - <https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/colleges/the-college/> (9am to 5pm weekdays)
* Reception in The College building – 10am to 4pm weekdays
* Contacting their Personal Tutor (information on who this will be is available on their student record)

Students are also able to utilise the range of support, information and resources provided by Swansea University’s Wellbeing and Disability Service. Full information is available here: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/student-support-services/>

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