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Supporting Students With Learning Disabilities

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What is a Learning Disability?

Learning disabilities may impact the brain's ability to store, process, retrieve, or communicate information.

Learning disabilities may present as weakness in listening, writing, speaking, reading, reasoning, mathematics, social skills, and memory.

Living with a learning disability may impact someone's relationships with friends, family, school, and themselves.

Living with a learning disability does not indicate someone's level of intelligence. Learning disabilities can be invisible and lifelong.

Signs of Learning Disabilities for Post-Secondary Students and Adults

Signs that someone is navigating a learning disability may include:

- › Spelling incorrectly (for example: spelling the same word differently in a single piece of writing)
- › Avoiding reading and writing tasks
- › Having trouble summarizing
- › Having trouble with open-ended questions on tests and exams
- › Having a weak memory
- › Having difficulty adjusting to a new setting
- › Having trouble understanding abstract concepts
- › Not being able to pay attention to details or focusing on details too much
- › Misreading information

Accommodation

Faculty and staff have a duty to accommodate students who need additional supports due to a learning disability.

Each student has a unique relationship to their learning disability and their needs will be unique to their experience. This may look like:

- › Extended time for testing
- › A reduced course load
- › Course counselling
- › Electronic or taped textbooks
text-to-voice software
- › Voice-to-text software
- › Reader (support person)
- › Support person for oral work (eg. a scribe)
- › Specialized organizational tour tape
recording of lectures

Campus Resources

Accessibility Services

(including Academic Accommodations)

204-988-7508

accessibility@uwinnipeg.ca

Human Rights & Diversity Office

204-988-7508

Human Rights & Sexual Violence Advisor

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UWSA Access Lounge

accesslounge@theuwsa.ca

Off-Campus Resources

These websites provide information on learning disabilities and supporting students living with learning disabilities.

Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba

ldamanitoba.org

Transitioning to a post-secondary institution:

transitionresourceguide.ca

ADHD information resources

caddac.ca

Learning Disabilities at School

ldatschool.ca