

UWE Bristol Information for External Study Needs Assessors

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Accommodation

The University has residential accommodation on Frenchay Campus, some of which has been adapted for disabled students. All rooms within the student village are wheelchair accessible. Rooms with a visual fire alarm and socket for vibrating pad alarm are also available if the student has a hearing impairment.

If the student is insulin dependent they can be provided with a separate fridge in any university accommodation to keep their medication.

Additional adaptations may be made on an individual basis, subject to resources. Disabled applicants who make UWE their first choice when applying for courses are given priority when allocating rooms. Students requiring individual adaptations must

contact Accommodation Services as soon as possible to start planning. It is best to make contact as early as possible and before accommodation is allocated.

An additional room can be made available if a student needs a live-in carer. Funding for the additional room usually comes from NHS or Social Services. Students are advised to make contact to put plans in place as soon as possible. It is also possible to accommodate guide dogs and assistance animals. Find out more about [accommodation for students with additional needs](#).

Some students allocated university accommodation in their first year may be able to stay in the same accommodation for the duration of their course if certain criteria are met. However, it is advisable to [contact Accommodation Services](#) to discuss this further.

To find out more information please visit the [accommodation](#) section.

Alternative formats

Library Services provide an [Alternative formats service - Disabled users | UWE Bristol](#) service for students who have difficulty reading printed or electronic books or journals.

Texts from their reading lists are mainly provided in accessible PDF but more specialist formats such as MP3 Audio (MP3), Microsoft Word, DAISY book, and large print can also be provided in discussion with the student and dependent on their requirements.

Assistive technology and loan equipment at UWE

The University has [assistive technology equipment and software](#) available in the campus libraries. There is also assistive software including text to speech and mind mapping programs, in many faculty computer labs.

[Assistive software - Assistive technology | UWE Bristol](#)

Course requirements

You can find details of UWE courses, including content, assessment arrangements, modules and placements: [Find a course - Courses and applying | UWE Bristol](#)

Exams, coursework and assessments

Reasonable adjustments to exams/ teaching and learning

The majority of exam adjustments are now put in place automatically on receipt of Study Needs Assessment reports, diagnostic assessments or medical evidence. Send to: Disability@uwe.ac.uk To organise additional adjustments students can book to discuss this with a disability adviser: [Contact us - Get disability support | UWE Bristol](#)

Reasonable adjustments to coursework and other assessments

Disabled students can apply for extensions. This is a web form that the student completes for each assignment where they need an adjustment. Blanket adjustments to deadlines are not used at UWE. For more information including the criteria: [Three-day grace period - Assessment support options | UWE Bristol](#)

Money Advice

[Finance information for disabled students - Full-time undergraduate funding | UWE Bristol](#)

IT

Some software is available at no charge for all UWE students. More information can be found [here](#).

Medical services

All full time students are advised to [register with a local medical practice](#) while attending UWE. They may find it convenient to register with the [University Health Centre](#) on Frenchay campus.

Full details of all GP practices in the area can be found on the [NHS website](#).

Placements

Students who have disclosed an impairment, medical condition or mental health condition, who are on programmes with professional placements (such Nursing, Health and Teaching programmes) may be invited to an Access Plan meeting to discuss their needs and any adjustments that could be made in relation to practice placements. Students are encouraged to talk to their programme team who can refer them for an Access Plan if needed.

Study skills and library services

All UWE libraries offer a specific [service to disabled users](#). More information about this is available via the above link. This includes information on how to reserve and collect books, use specialist equipment, photocopy, and convert material to [alternative formats](#).

The University also gives help or advice about developing effective study skills, more information can be found in the [Study Support](#) section. Included in this section are specific study skills tuition sessions and essay writing workshops, which are available to all students. If they experience difficulties with organisation, time management and structuring of work they may find this extra support particularly useful.

Information about printing and costs [Printing - IT Services | UWE Bristol](#)

Travel and Parking

Parking - all UWE car parks have swipe card access. Most of the car parks at UWE have wide accessible bays for blue badge holders. Many of the car parks with designated accessible bays are located centrally and allow easy access to the main university buildings. More information: [Blue Badge holders - Car parking | UWE Bristol](#)

Accessible car parking can be arranged for students who are not blue badge holders, but who need to park closer to the university buildings for disability related reasons. Students who live on campus, or within the [exclusions zone](#), are not normally allowed to bring a car to campus.

Please see the [Transport pages](#) for more information including how to apply

Bus travel - most buses that serve UWE campuses can lower their suspension. Special seating areas are available on many of the buses for passengers who are disabled, elderly or using a buggy. Wheelchair users have priority over everyone else for the use of the designated wheelchair space on the buses since this is the only place in which they can travel safely. Accessible areas can get full at busy times of the day.

UWE Bristol NMH Rates

UWE Bristol NMH rates can be found via this link: [Study Needs Assessors resources - Get disability support | UWE Bristol](#). It shows the current rates charged for supporting disabled students at UWE Bristol.

Our preferred external providers are [Amano](#) and [Clear Links](#).

Non-DSA funded support

If a student is likely to require support that cannot be funded through the DSA, they should request an appointment with a UWE Bristol Disability Adviser to discuss options: [Contact us - Get disability support | UWE Bristol](#)