



About Us

The Disability Unit (DU) forms part of the Centre for Student Counselling and Development (CSCD) at Stellenbosch University (SU). The Unit offers a range of services to students with disabilities at the University. We are open to enquiries from prospective students.

What is a Disability?

People with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, psychological, intellectual or sensory impairments that, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others (UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006).

Study Material

For accessible study material, you can visit the DU Resource Office at HUMARGA, room 367, in the Arts and Social Sciences building or email us at braille@sun.ac.za to discuss your specific requirements.



Assistive Technology

Computers with screen-reading, magnifying and text-to-speech software such as JAWS, Read & Write and ZoomText, as well as braille embossers and digital magnifiers, are available at the Resource Office. For enquiries about assistive technology on your personal devices, contact Rudi le Roux at 021 808 2128 or email rlr@sun.ac.za.

Assessment Concessions

The application process can be found under Student Assessments at <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/students/Pages/Tests-and-Exams.aspx>. Applications must be uploaded on SUNStudent by the closing date. For appointments about various concessions and general enquiries, contact concessions@sun.ac.za or disability@sun.ac.za

Financial Support

Financial support is not offered by the DU. For financial support to cover your study and/or accommodation fees, contact the Centre for Bursaries and Loans, Division Student Access or the Contact and Client Service Centre at 021 808 9111. For National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) bursaries, apply via www.nsfas.org.za.

Accommodation

Apply for University accommodation on the same application portal for degrees. Contact the SU Contact and Client Service Centre at 021 808 9111 or info@sun.ac.za for further queries. Off-campus/private accommodation enquiries can be directed to Commercial Services at 021 808 3950, or Neelsie Properties (situated in the Langenhoven Student Centre on the Stellenbosch Campus) at 021 887 3780, or visit Stellies Student Stay at www.stellies-student-stay.co.za.



Academic Support

Should you require academic support for individual subjects, please contact the relevant lecturers and faculty support officers in your faculty.

Writing Consultations

Do you need free advice on writing assignments? Unsure of how to get started? Contact Anne-Mari Lackay at 021 808 2989 or skryflab@sun.ac.za or call Vinelene Hartley at 021 808 2161.

Reading Consultations

Contact Marisca Coetzee at mcoetzee@sun.ac.za for an academic reading consultation.

Library

Students who need assistance with tracking library material should contact their faculty librarian.

Sporting Activities

The University offers a variety of sporting codes for persons with disabilities. Contact Wentzel Barnard on 021 808 3537 or wwb2@sun.ac.za for more information.

Societies

There is a diverse range of societies, managed by the Societies Council for students to join. Some examples are: exciting opportunities for students interested in neurodiversity (SUNDS) – Instagram: @su_sunds and website – <https://linkr.bio/sunds> or psychology – Instagram: @psychssus psychssus2@gmail.com. Further information can be found at <https://www.sun.ac.za/english/students/student-societies/about>

Service Dogs

A service dog is a working dog that is trained to assist a person, who is disabled, in various ways. The dog can be recognised by their branded vest, collar or harness, which specifies "service dog". All service dogs on campus must be registered with the DU.