



Bangor University Access Centre

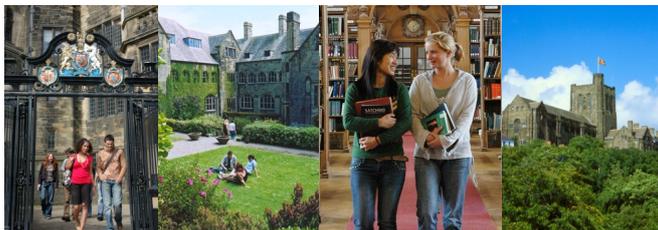
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◆ Who are we?

Established as the first Needs Assessment Centre in Wales, we are the only Assessment Centre based at the University in Bangor and through our close working relationship have an in-depth knowledge of its curriculum and facilities. We also have a wealth of experience regarding the support packages available for disabled students throughout North and Mid Wales and further afield.

◆ What is a Study Needs Assessment?

The Study Needs Assessment (SNA) is a friendly and relaxed meeting between an accredited assessor and student. During the meeting we take a detailed look at your course, strategies and disability-related barriers to learning. During the SNA the assessor will discuss relevant support options, and demonstrate appropriate assistive technology (e.g. software). We will then be able to make specific and tailored recommendations about what the DSA can be used to fund. All of this information is compiled into the Needs Assessment Report (NAR) which will be sent to the funding body for their consideration.

Each assessor has a minimum of six years' experience of DSA support, and most have at least 10 years.

◆ What we can do for you

We conduct DSA Study Needs Assessments and produce Needs Assessment Reports.

These detailed reports include recommendations of how the DSA could fund disability-related support.

Anyone eligible for the DSA may come to us for a Study Needs Assessment, no matter where you attend your Higher Education course.

If you are travelling, we can also help you to reclaim the cost of attending our appointment.

◆ Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA)

The DSA is a grant to help meet the extra costs HE students can face for example as a result of on-going physical or mental health conditions, physical or sensory impairments, autism spectrum condition, or a Specific Learning Difference (SpLD) such as dyslexia.

◆ Am I eligible for the DSA?

Your funding body (e.g. SFW / SFE) makes this decision. To make an application, you will need to complete a form and send them your diagnostic evidence (e.g. a doctor's letter, or a post-16 years Diagnostic Assessment for an SpLD). In most instances your Higher Education Provider can assist with your application.

◆ What we need from you

Before we can see you for a Study Needs Assessment (SNA) we will need a copy of your diagnostic or medical evidence, and a copy of the letter from your funding body confirming that you are eligible. We will request these when we are booking your appointment, and will need them before we see you.