Declaring a disability

If you have a physical or sensory impairment, autistic spectrum condition, mental health issue, specific learning difficulty or any other long term medical condition which may impact on your studies, you might be considering whether or not to declare this to the University. Students have every right to withhold this information, however it may be useful to consider the following factors when making your decision:

Confidentiality

Should you choose to declare a disability on your application, or at a later point to Student Disability Services your student record will be updated to indicate the nature of your condition. This personal information is held by SDS and covered by the Data Protection Act. This means it will not be passed on to any other UCL staff or third parties without your written consent.

Getting the right support

Choosing to disclose your disability makes it easier to ensure you have the support you need to succeed on your course. By letting us know your circumstances we can provide advice, organise additional help and facilitate adjustments to your course where necessary. Some examples of these could be:

- Adjustments to your exam conditions i.e. extra time or rest breaks
- Liaising with your teaching department to ensure they implement in-class adjustments if needed
- Facilitating additional library support i.e. extended loans or help accessing materials in alternative formats
- Organising human support i.e. note-takers, mentors and study skills tutors
- Ensuring that you are placed in accommodation suitable to your needs
- Help and advice with accessing additional funding

For more information on the support available to disabled students please see the Student Disability Services Website.