# HIGHER EDUCATION AND DISABILITY

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Your practical guide

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# DISABILITY

#### WHAT IS DISABILITY?

Since the law of 2005, constitutes a disability any limitation of activities or restriction of participation in life in society undergone in his environment by a person due to a substantial, lasting or definitive alteration of one or more physical, sensory, mental, cognitive or psychic functions, multiple disabilities or an incapacitating health problem.

#### **DISABILITY**



#### INVISIBLE DISABILITY

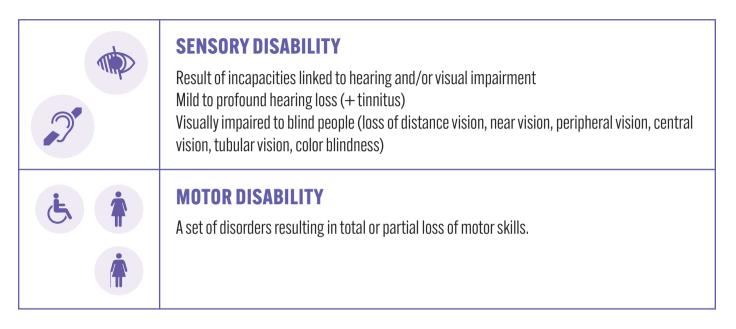


**INTELLECTUAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY** 

**IMPAIRMENT DISABILITY** 

**COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT** 

### DISABILITY



### **INVISIBLE DISABILITY**

<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL DISABILITY</b> People suffering from neuroses, psychoses (disordered language, lack of stability in thought, perception and behavior). The person retains «normal» intellectual faculties, but the ability to use them is impaired (e.g.: OCD, mood disorders, ADD, personality disorders).
<b>INTELLECTUAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY</b> Consequence of an intellectual disability. People with mental disabilities experience varying degrees of difficulty in thinking, conceptualizing, communicating and making decisions.

### **INVISIBLE DISABILITY**

#### **IMPAIRMENT DISABILITY**

Respiratory, digestive, parasitic, infectious, auto-immune, neurological and inflammatory diseases (diabetes, epilepsy, cystic fibrosis, cancer, endometriosis, HIV, lupus, narcolepsy, mononucleosis, etc.) leading to deficiencies and constraints of varying degrees of severity, which may be temporary, permanent or progressive.

#### **COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT**

Memory impairment, attention impairment, executive function impairment, language impairment, praxis impairment, cognitive impairment.

# **SOME FIGURES**

- 6.3 million French people are declared disabled
- 920,000 people have reduced mobility in France
- 5.4 million French people suffer from visual or hearing impairment
- 80% of disabilities are invisible
- 400,000 students attend specialized schools
- **36% of active people** are recognized as disabled workers RQTH:

29% active vs 7% are inactive

In each department, there is a single point of welcome, the MDPH : **Maison Départementale des Personnes Handicapées** (Departmental House for Disabled Persons), which is the preferred contact for receiving financial or material assistance to compensate for a disability (see page 25).

It also issues the RQTH : **Reconnaissance de Qualité de Travailleur Handicapé** (Disabled Worker Quality Recognition).



# THE STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICE

The Student Disability Service (in French SHE : Service Handicap Etudiant) is a department of Devinci Higher Education which caters for all students with a disability (temporary or permanent), whether or not recognized by the MDPH.

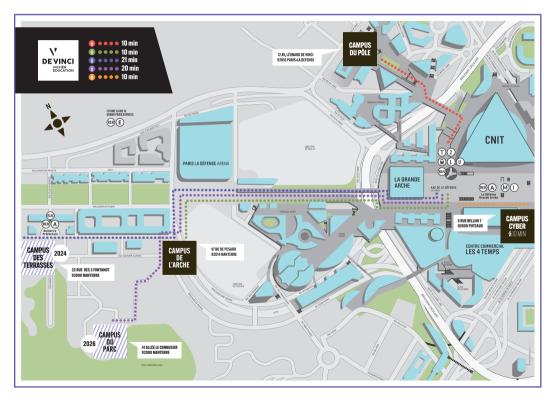
Its main missions are to **raise awareness and provide support** for students with disabilities, notably by coordinating study and exam accommodations and liaising with the various departments concerned.

The Student Disability Service assists students on all the Paris Ia Défense campuses : Campus du Pôle, Campus de l'Arche, Campus Cyber and Campus des Terrasses, and Nantes Campus.



# **MAP CAMPUS - PARIS LA DEFENSE**

#### **2** CAMPUS DU PÔLE, CAMPUS DE L'ARCHE, CAMPUS CYBER AND CAMPUS DES TERRASSES



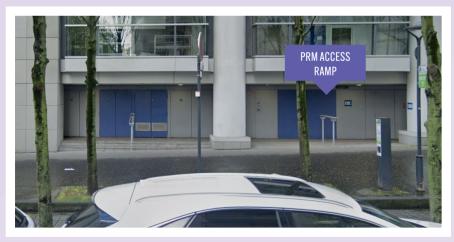
#### 🛎 ACCESS TO THE CAMPUS DU PÔLE FOR PEOPLE WITH REDUCED MOBILITY

- Come and register with the Student Disability Service
- Access via avenue Léonard de Vinci



THE OTHER CAMPUSES ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR PRM WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC PROCEDURE





#### WHY DECLARE YOUR DISABILITY TO THE STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICE?

The Student Disability Service can help you :

- Benefit from study and exam accommodations to compensate for your disability
- Create a file based on your needs, not on the type of disability you have
- Receive individualized, personalized support (confidential interviews) throughout the year, considering your entire situation (housing, transport, financial conditions, etc.)
- Promote your independence
- Renew your accommodation every year (or during the academic year if necessary).

#### WHEN TO APPLY?

You can apply for assistance from The Student Disability Service before the start of the academic year (after your baccalaureate results or after validation of your degree) or during the current academic year in the event of a change in your situation or when an event puts you in a situation of disability.

### WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

#### **STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICE**

handi@devinci.fr - Disability referent for students Elena NIATI - Health referent for students



Office I 402 Learning Center - 4th floor behind sport / student life / Alumni door handi@devinci.fr

#### WHAT TYPES OF STUDY ARRANGEMENTS AND COMPENSATION ARE POSSIBLE?

- Teaching arrangements
- Note-taking or student tutoring
- Exam secretarial services
- Extra time
- Loan of adapted equipment
- Other services...

#### WHAT IS A STUDY AND EXAM ACCOMMODATION CONTRACT?

It's a document signed by the Director of each school, the Student Disability Service and the student, setting out the adjustments and compensation needs you'll benefit from in view of your situation (without specifying the type of disability).

This contract has a **legal value** and must be applied within your academic curriculum. It may be modified during the course of the year, but must be renewed each year (in June of the previous year).

### HOW TO SET UP YOUR STUDY ADJUSTMENTS?

#### Step 1: SETTING UP THE APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW WITH THE DISABILITY REFERENT

- The student puts together an administrative file with supporting documents:

> Medical certificate provided by an approved doctor (drawn up with your psychiatric - psychological - neuropsychological - ergotherapeutic - speech therapy - etc. assessments) and recommendations for adjustments to studies or exams.

List of approved professionals: https://www.iledefrance.ars.sante.fr/listes-de-medecins-agrees-en-ile-de-france and for the 92 region https://www.iledefrance.ars.sante.fr/media/107551/download?inline

- > Notification of MDPH decision (with RQTH registration number if application in progress)
- > Baccalaureat accommodations

Send supporting documents to handi@devinci.fr for ESILV and EMLV students and to handicap.iim@devinci.fr for IIM students

> NB: it can take up to a month to set up the accommodation contract. It is therefore important to contact the Service Handicap Étudiants as soon as possible.

- Individualized interview with the disability advisor, analysis of the student's specific needs

- Request for study and/or exam accommodations.



#### Step 2: ELABORATION AND VALIDATION OF THE STUDY AND EXAMINATION ADJUSTMENT CONTRACT

- Accommodation contract drawn up by Service Handicap Etudiants
- The disability advisor studies it with the student, adapts it if necessary, then the student signs it.
- The document is sent by the disability advisor to the school to which the student belongs, for signature by the Director of the school or his/her representative, then returned signed to the student.



#### Step 3: APPLICATION OF THE STUDY AND EXAMINATION ADJUSTMENT CONTRACT

Service Handicap Etudiants forwards the accommodation contract to the school's Disability Officer. The Disability Officer ensures that the accommodation obtained is implemented, with the help of the various people involved.

The agreement is renewable by amendment at the end of each academic year, and may be revised at the request of either party at any time (in particular if the disability changes).

# **INTERNATIONAL**

#### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

The International Relations Department and its correspondents in the components develop and support international cooperative ventures.

They also offer **support for student**, teaching and administrative mobility (within or outside Europe, under the Erasmus+ program or bilateral agreements with universities outside Europe).

If you would like to study at another foreign university, please contact the International Relations Department or the Student Disability Service to benefit from mobility assistance:

• Mobility grants and coverage of additional costs associated with mobility abroad for people with disabilities;

• Individualized administrative support to help you implement your your mobility project.

International students with disabilities arriving at Campus Paris Ia Défense, are invited to contact the Student Disability Service.



#### **International Relations Department**

Offices E 452 - E 454 - E 455 IGH - 4th floor

outgoing@devinci.fr incoming@devinci.fr bourses-internationales@devinci.fr

#### THE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

The Language Department promotes the learning of modern languages and provides language training and services for students.

To take the TOEIC and TOEFL exams, a form must be completed, together with a copy of your Accommodation Contract.

#### 2 sessions, adjusted for students with disabilities, are offered each year: one per semester.

Please note that the form must be sent to the Language Department or the Student Disability Service one month before the exam.

For your information, here's the scheme set up by **ETS GLOBAL** 

Please note that ETS GLOBAL must validate the arrangements before we can implement them at the Paris la Défense Campus.

Sessions scheduled at ETS GLOBAL centers will not take your accommodations into account.



#### Language Department

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#### IGH - 4th floor

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### **RQTH - RECOGNITION OF DISABLED WORKER STATUS**

As a student in higher education, you will have to achieve professional experiences: internships, jobs, work-study.

The RQTH is recognized for any person whose possibilities of obtaining or keeping a job are effectively reduced as a result of the impairment of one or more physical, sensory, mental or psychological functions.

It is issued to people **over the age of 16** by the CDAPH (Commission des Droits et de l'Autonomie des Personnes Handicapées - Commission for the Rights and Autonomy of Disabled Persons) after examination of their file.

#### The RQTH entitles the holder to :

- Measures dedicated to professional integration
- Priority job offers
- Flexible working hours and workstations
- Specialized job-seeking support, for example from the Cap Emploi network.

To benefit from these services, contact the MDPH.

#### Download here the MDPH file



### MDPH : DEPARTMENTAL HOUSE FOR DISABLED PERSONS

In each department, the MDPH : Maison Départementale des Personnes Handicapées (Departmental House for Disabled Persons), offers to welcome, inform, support and advise you and your family;

- Raise public awareness of disability
- Help you with disability-related procedures
- Enable you to compensate for your disability through financial and material assistance.

The MDPH responsible for processing your application is the one of you or your legal representative living department .

Consult the website : <u>https://mdphenligne.cnsa.fr/</u>

### Many associations dedicated to the disabled are present in the region, so don't hesitate to visit the MDPH website:

Disabled people and family carers in serious difficulty and without an immediate solution to the crisis, who don't know who to contact, can call **0 800 360 360**. This national number is accessible to the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

# **OUR PARTNERS**

#### **100% HANDINAMIQUE**

#### **The Federation**

100% Handinamique is a federation for the success of young people with disabilities in :

- Their educational path: network of student associations,
- Their professional integration: mutual aid, events, mentoring, etc.

Discover their website

#### The Handinamique Scholarship

100% Handinamique offers a grant to help students with disabilities in their training.



#### **100% HANDINAMIQUE**



#### **Handicafé**©

A handicafé <sup>(C)</sup> is a meeting between students and young professionals with disabilities and recruiters from major companies. 100% Handinamique organizes around thirty a year throughout France. Consult the <u>online calendar</u>.

#### The label for associations

Since April 2021, 100% Handinamique has launched the 1st label dedicated to student associations to help associations make a concrete commitment to accessible and inclusive student life.

#### L'ÉCOLLECTIF BRIAND

The Écollectif Briand Is a meeting place and social hub, a place for sharing knowledge and know-how, dedicated to young people aged 11-30.

Located in Courbevoie, it is handi-accommodating and offers daily reception, including some evenings and Saturdays.

Écollectif Briand offers study and coworking rooms, an innovation space and art therapy workshops led by an art therapist and a clinical psychologist.



#### L'ÉCOLLECTIF BRIAND



#### **Opening days and times**

L'Écollectif is open Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (except Monday and Tuesday mornings), with open hours on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Contact :** 1 Bd Aristide Briand, 92400 Courbevoie **Tel :** 01 71 05 78 86 **Art therapy registration :** 08 00 835 790

ecollectif@ville-courbevoie.fr
Access to the <u>website</u>
Access to the Facebook

### **FREE SOLUTIONS TO FACILITATE WRITING AND READING**

Here are a few free solutions to make writing and reading easier.

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#### Free Office 365

Office 365: Word, Excel and Powerpoint Tip: create a free Microsoft account and open Office

Link : www.microsoft.com



#### **Voice dictation**

Windows: Press Windows key + H Word: Voice dictation function

#### W

**Reading text** Word: immersive reading function



#### **PDF reading**

PDF: turn the PDF into Word with **<u>love PDF</u>** 



#### Scriberts

#### **Spelling correction**

Scribens: spelling correction site Tip: copy text to Scribens or add extension Link : <u>www.scribens.fr</u>



## For more information, contact us at this mail address : **handi@devinci.fr**

