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Do you have a disability and would you like to study? You can! NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences does its utmost to help you succeed with your studies. We will work out an individual solution together so you can make the best use of your talents and graduate.

It can sometimes be difficult if you are a student with special needs or a disability. It may be that you need more time to complete tests or that you can't always be present but your programme has an attendance requirement. You may need material adaptations in school to function properly, for example a rest room or recording equipment because of hearing impairment. The buildings at NHL Stenden have been made physical accessible as much as possible.

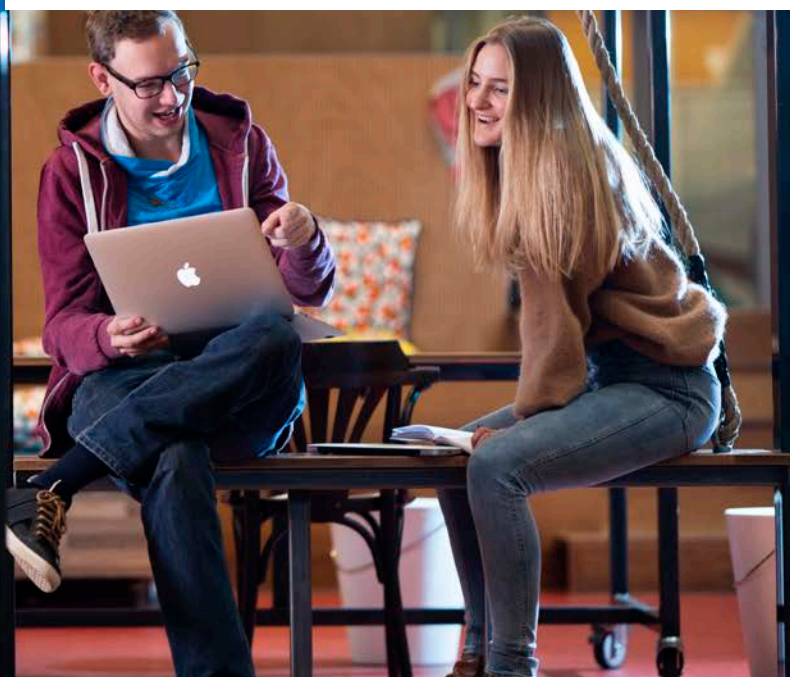
One in ten students in higher education has a disability. This also applies to NHL Stenden students. So you are no exception at our university. We offer a range of solutions to enable you to study successfully. Preventing or limiting any delay in your studies is a priority. Talking about what you need, we will try to come to a tailored arrangement, always within the scope offered by the education and exam programmes, of course.

Personal guidance

The university can provide you with support before you even start your course. Even if you are still doubting your choice of study and you want to know what is and is not possible within a programme, we advise you to make an appointment with a student counsellor in advance. If you become disabled during your study or you require other facilities, then we will try to find a solution together.

Adjustments and facilities

Besides personal support, adaptations in your studying conditions and facilities for an optimal accessibility, can make a huge difference for you. The student counsellor will work out a solution tailored to your situation with you. This is laid down in a customised contract. For example:





Adjustments and facilities

Educational provisions

- additional counselling by the personal coach or the student counsellor
- the use of tools at school
- agreements on attendance
- adjustments to the timetable or study hours

Test provisions:

- extra time
- tests provided on A3 sized paper
- completing tests in an environment with limited stimuli
- completing tests aided by a reading program
- taking tests using a laptop

Material provisions:

- lifts
- rest areas
- bathrooms and parking spaces for disabled people
- study places
- reading program

Financial provisions:

- The Profile Fund of NHL Stenden University. You may apply to this fund if you are unable to graduate within the period demanded by the performance grant.
- The student counsellor can inform you about the possibilities offered by DUO (Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs – Education Executive), such as extension of your (supplementary) grant or of the degree period.

Workshops and training courses:

- choosing the right study programme
- study skills
- studying with dyslexia
- coping with fear of failure
- assertiveness
- study group for students with AD(H)D or an Autism Spectrum Disorder

Study buddy:

You apply for a study buddy – a (senior) student of the same study programme who can help you on your way and/or offer additional individual support.



What can you do?

The student counsellors' office at NHL Stenden is the first point of contact for students with a disability. In order for us to respond to any question you may have, please tell us about your disability early on.

You can always ask your study coach and student counsellor for advice near on the best ways to deal with your disability during your studies. The student counsellors' office can provide information on arrangements you can use in order to prevent or limit study delays.

Do this a few months before commencing your studies, so you can discuss any arrangements and adaptations on time. If you become disabled during your studies, for instance due to an accident, please let us know as soon as possible. Even if you do not need any adaptations, it is wise to be well informed.



interview

'The facilities I have received have given me a lot of support. I don't always need them but it is great to know I can fall back on them. It creates peace of mind and it's a strong motivator for me to continue.'

Student

Your right

It's legally regulated that in education everybody is equal. Discrimination because of a disability or chronic illness is not allowed. This means you have the right to make use of the necessary facilities to attend education. Your course has to enable you to attend lessons, to take tests or to do your internship in a way it fits you. Next to this the university has to offer you financial compensation when you delay because of your disability. NHL Stenden is in the process to become an inclusive university, that offers accessible education for all students.

What is a disability?

We understand the terms (functional) disability and chronic illness to mean any physical, sensory or functional impairment that delays study progress. These could be visual, auditory and motor disabilities, language impairments (dyslexia), calculation impairments (dyscalculia), issues with information processing (autism), attention (AD(H)D), speech, stamina, memory, concentration and organ functions but also phobias, depression, epilepsy, rheumatism, ME, chronic RSI and severe migraines. (Source: Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science 2010).

Expert Centre on inclusive education (ECIO)

ECIO, Expert Centre on inclusive education (Handicap + Studie) On their website you can find general information about studying with a disability and inclusive education.
www.ecio.nl

Want to know more?

Then contact the student counsellors' office of NHL Stenden.

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