

Studying with a Disability is a Possibility!

The Student Disability Service (S.H.E. in French) is dedicated to accommodating and orienting students throughout their studies on campus.

The S.H.E. offers customised support as well as information and advice to students and future students with special needs enrolled at the University of Poitiers (on the **Poitiers, Futuroscope, Châtelleraut, Niort, Angoulême, and Segonzac campuses**).



It promotes and creates plans for students allowing them to study in the most optimal conditions possible, focusing on academic success and making the university a more inclusive place.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The S.H.E. provides accommodations on an individual basis, taking into account the student's overall situation. Each student is interviewed individually to discuss their concerns and to make a needs analysis for their studies in order to build a P.A.E.H. (Support Plan for Students with Disabilities). The interview also addresses student and daily life if the student so desires (professional goals, housing, transport, restaurant options, leisure activities...) which will help the staff orient the student towards services/associations/organisations in and outside of the university.

Those in charge of the support plan **will coordinate accommodations for the student's studies and examinations which will be determined** by the support team for students with disabilities in each faculty, the registrar's office, and the heads of degree programmes.

Student Disability Services is a support which the University of Poitiers provides to all students with a disability: **permanent or temporary (for example, a broken wrist)**.

Why should you register your disability with Student Disability Services?

The S.H.E. allows you to :

- Request accommodations for your studies and examinations
- Set up a support plan according to your personal needs and not those of the disability
- Have individualised and personalised support (confidential appointments) all

- throughout the year
- Have more independence
 - Renew your accommodation agreements each year (or during the academic year if necessary)

When should you register? You can apply for help from Student Disability Services:

- Before the start of the academic year (after finishing secondary school or passing the current academic year)
- During the school year if your situation changes
- When an event has put you in a situation of disability

What types of study accommodations are available?

Several accommodation plans are available depending on the field of study and/or exam, for example:

- Note taking or tutoring
- French Sign Language or other sign language interpreting
- Exam monitoring
- Addition of time for exams
- Lending of support material
- Adjustments to exam topics
- The use of a certain support material
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What is the procedure to apply for an accommodation?

1. Interview with Student Disability Services (S.H.E.) with the head of S.H.E.

- Filling the application form
- Individualised interview, needs analysis
- Finalising the accommodation request

2. Interview with Student Health Services (S.S.U.) and a doctor from the S.S.U.

- Procuring a medical opinion on the accommodation request
- Medical opinion form handed to the student which then must be submitted to Service Handicap (Student Disability Services)

3. Creation and finalisation of the accommodation agreement through collective consultation

- Accommodation notice created by Service Handicap (Student Disability Services)
- The student's point of contact examines, signs, and modifies the notice if necessary
- Signature from the University's president or a representative

4. Applying the accommodation notice

- Student Disability Services transfers the accommodation notice to
 - The student
 - The point of contact for student disability services from the student's faculty
 - The faculty's registrar's office

Accommodations can be modified throughout the year and must be renewed at the start of each academic year.

PROJECTS AND RAISING AWARENESS

Student Disability Services' mission is to raise awareness about people with disabilities and inclusion. It also helps to organise events to raise awareness around disabilities and different ways to improve support for students with disabilities, particularly with teachers but also students of the University of Poitiers.

The S.H.E. also drafts projects focusing on disabilities and inclusion.

CAMPUS EXPLORER GAME



Campus Explorer is an online game that allows secondary school students and new students to virtually explore the University of Poitiers as well as its campuses and student services. The goal of this game is to enable students with special needs (a person with a disability, international students, etc.) get a smooth access to higher education within an inclusive university environment.

Link to play the game: <https://campus-explorer.univ-poitiers.fr/game/?v=0.35>



THE ASPIE-FRIENDLY PROJECT

The University of Poitiers has been committed for the past ten years to an inclusion initiative for autistic students called “construire une Université Aspie-Friendly,” in English “Building an Aspie-Friendly University.”



The objective of this initiative is to offer an individualised plan to each student with autism. According to the student’s personal needs, it aims to:

- Build a transitional plan to higher education
- Establish the pedagogical adjustments to facilitate its success
- Improve the way in which the student is supported beyond academics
- Lay the groundwork for the social and professional integration

This plan is built with the student’s participation (the project’s main contributor) along with a local “Aspie-Friendly” team as well as the teachers of the degree programme.

ACTIONS DE SENSIBILISATION

Student Disability Services is involved year-round in awareness events to provide information about people with disabilities. Some examples include: Festival des Accessifs (Poitiers), Rencontres Accès Libre (Niort), Journées Santé & Sécurité (IUT de Poitiers), etc.

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