

MUNI TEIRESIÁS

Support Centre for Students
with Special Needs



STUDYING
with special needs



What is Teiresias Centre

The Support Centre for Students with Special Needs (Teiresias Centre) ensures that studying at Masaryk University (MU) is accessible for students with special needs.

Our services are available to

- Masaryk University **students** and international students during their study stay at MU
 - with specific learning difficulties
 - with psychological difficulties
 - with autistic spectrum disorder
 - with chronic diseases
 - with visual/hearing loss
 - with mobility impairment
- Masaryk University **lecturers and employees**

Prospective students are eligible for

- counselling services regarding the appropriate study programme choice
- preparation course for the Learning Potential Test (TSP)
- adaptation of entrance examinations

STUDIES



ENTRANCE EXAMS





Students with specific learning difficulties or communication difficulties



You are eligible for the services

- if your studies are negatively influenced by dyslexia, dysorthography, or dysgraphia
- if you struggle with number-related concepts due to dyscalculia
- if concentration disorders such as ADHD or ADD have a negative impact on your studies
- if you have communication difficulties during oral exams related to your condition such as stuttering or articulation and pronunciation difficulties

We offer

- specific learning difficulties diagnostics
- study strategies and time management counselling
- additional exam time as recommended in the diagnostic report
- supportive language course
- communication with lecturers regarding the reasonable adjustments
- text editing software and training courses on using it



Students with psychological difficulties and autism spectrum disorder



You are eligible for the services

- if you have psychological difficulties or an autism spectrum disorder
 - anxiety
 - schizophrenia
 - depression
 - social phobia
 - and other conditions,
- whether the difficulties have manifested themselves before or throughout your studies

We offer

- study strategies and time management counselling
- higher tolerance towards absences and lower engagement during classes
- individual deadlines for submitting written assignments and exam dates
- possibility of taking written exams in a quieter environment
- additional exam time
- priority in oral exams
- quiet individual study rooms
- psychological counselling



Students with chronic diseases



You are eligible for the services

- if you feel your academic performance is affected negatively by
 - a neurological illness
 - a metabolic disorder
 - a digestive tract condition
 - lifelong consequences of an injury
 - an oncological treatment
 - other chronic conditions

We offer

- study strategies and time management counselling
- higher tolerance towards absences and lower engagement during classes
- individual deadlines for submitting written assignments and exam dates
- possibility of taking written exams in a quieter environment
- possibility to take frequent breaks and refreshment during classes
- priority registration into seminar groups and exam dates
- priority in oral exams



Students with visual loss



You are eligible for the services

- if your visual impairment affects negatively your academic performance
- if the standard optical correction by means of glasses or contact lenses is insufficient or pointless



We offer

- accessibility of the study materials and written exams
- the use of the Teiresias Centre's library containing books in accessible formats
- spatial orientation training and guiding assistance for one-off events held by the university
- instructional adjustments such as special IT support, teaching assistance or individual instruction
- individual deadlines for submitting written assignments
- additional exam time
- courses or consultations on using assistive technologies
- loans of technological equipment (both hardware and software)

Deaf and hard of hearing students



You are eligible for the services

- if you are **hard of hearing** and communicate orally using lipreading, and you need more time to process written information
- if you are **deaf** and
 - you communicate mainly through sign language, and you typically communicate with hearing people through an interpreter
 - you can lip-read very well but you feel that it is not sufficient in all situations
- if you regard Czech as your second language, you have difficulties with reading comprehension and you request more time for written tasks
- if you are a **cochlear implant user** and in some situations you experience difficulties understanding spoken language

We offer

- interpreting and speech-to-text reporting services during instruction or examination
- usage and loans of communication systems such as FM systems and induction loops
- language advising and consultations on academic reading and writing
- individual deadlines for submitting seminar papers
- individual language instruction including adaptation of listening activities
- additional exam time



Students with mobility impairment



You are eligible for the services

- if you have a lower limb disorder and use wheelchair, crutches or a cane
- if you have an upper limb condition and have difficulties with note taking or handling objects

We offer

- personal assistance
- barrier-free accommodation
- holding classes in accessible environment
- accessible classrooms with height-adjustable desks
- the use of the Virtual Guide of Masaryk University's buildings
- access to electronic library and resources
- additional exam time
- note-taking services during lectures and seminars





Useful contacts

Study counselling

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Technical services

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Interpreting and transcription services

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Library services

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Personal assistance and spatial
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Specific learning difficulties diagnosis
and training in study strategies

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