

# Customised study

Studying with a functional disability at  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences



## What is a functional disability?

Do you have a handicap or hearing, facial or movement impairment? Do you have chronic fatigue, dyslexia or depression? Or do you have another visible or invisible mental or physical disability? Research has shown that 3 out of 10 students in higher education have a functional disability. So, you are not the only one with such an obstacle.

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## What can we do to help?

Imagine you are dyslectic and need more time than other students to complete examinations. Or you are in a wheelchair and can only access a building if there are lifts and wide automatic doors. Or you have been diagnosed with AD(H)D during your study and you find it hard to concentrate. Studying can become a challenge. That is why THUAS offers customised facilities. We try to consider your needs as much as possible at our four campuses. The aim is to enable you to follow your studies with the least delays and obstacles.

## Customised adjustments

Besides the general facilities, together with you we will develop personal adaptations, such as handouts of the lecture content, use of a laptop, additional (study) support tailored to your needs, enlarged course materials or examination extensions. Adjustments to the educational content, such as an adapted work placement, are also possible to an extent.

## Statutory regulations

According to the Student Finance Act, students are entitled to financial support if they experience study delays due to a disability or chronic illness. If, for example, your study is delayed due to a physical, sensory or other limitation, then you could be entitled to an additional year of student finance. And if you do not meet the degree period of ten years due to exceptional circumstances, then you could be entitled to an extension. For more regulations, go to [www.duo.nl](http://www.duo.nl) or contact one of the student counsellors at THUAS.

## Student network

You yourself know what you can and can't do. But lecturers, fellow students and staff are not always aware of your abilities and limitations. That is why the (dis)ability network, a group of engaged students, gets together regularly with the aim of drawing attention to this topic and to further improve studying for fellow students. You can contact the (dis)ability network via: [disabilitynetwork@hhs.nl](mailto:disabilitynetwork@hhs.nl) & [www.facebook.com/disabilitynetworkHHS](http://www.facebook.com/disabilitynetworkHHS)

## More information?

If you would like to know more about our facilities for (prospective) students with a functional disability, then we will be happy to help. The student counsellor is your first point of contact. For more information and an overview of the student counsellors at THUAS, go to: [www.thehagueuniversity.com/practical-matters/support-during-your-study](http://www.thehagueuniversity.com/practical-matters/support-during-your-study) or if you are an enrolled student, go to the student intranet > services page > functional disability.