Information about Accessibility Services for OISE Students

Accessibility Services has asked us to share this information with all OISE students:

Accessibility Services remains open and we remain committed to helping students with disabilities registered with our Services complete their terms with as little disruption as possible.

There is helpful, important information available on our website with FAQs that we invite students, faculty, and staff to review: https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/as/covid-19-updates. There is an Advisor update form available for registered students. Also available is information on strategies for online learning that may be helpful to students (under Documents on the right hand side of the page). For faculty, documents with information re: accessibility in online education (including planning and delivery) are available near the bottom of the page (under Documents on the right hand side).

Drop-in hours are no longer available but registered students can book phone or video appointments with their Accessibility Services Advisor, a Learning Strategist, or the Adaptive Technologist by phone or email: 416-978-8060 or accessibility.services@utoronto.ca.

Learning Strategist appointments are available to support students with academic skill-building and reinforcement related to challenges with motivation, time management, procrastination, perfectionism, and the transition to online learning among other issues.

We have an Adaptive Technologist on staff who can provide information on and assessments for adaptive technologies. We ask that students speak to their Advisor to discuss whether a meeting with the Adaptive Technologist may be helpful.

For students who wish to register to receive academic accommodations due to disability, the registration process remains the same. Information about how to register is available online: http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/as/register-accommodation. Intake appointments will be scheduled for new students over the phone or Skype.
Advisors have been reaching out to students who need to minimize screen time due to disability, and who may have other major challenges navigating learning online related to disability.

We remain available to meet with any student who needs to connect with our office to discuss their accommodation plan, ongoing access to disability-related services, or other related issues. We encourage any student who requires support from their Accessibility Advisor to reach out to book an appointment – we are happy to help.

**Additional Online supports and Resources**

**Accessibility Dialogues: Connecting with others while working remotely**
Find connection with others, share your experiences, and learn strategies to stay motivated while working remotely Sign up for each of our Accessibility Dialogues online every Thursday at 2:00pm

**Stay connected – join the Accessibility Services private Facebook Group**
During these times of social distancing, it’s important to stay connected. Join our private Facebook Group to connect with peers and stay connected!

**Online learning communities**
Virtual Study Hubs – meet remotely with peers to complete your academic work
Virtual Grad Writing groups – a virtual space for graduate students to write together
Learning from home discussions – learn strategies for online learning

**Online programming to stay connected**
Visit Student Life for a full list of online programs to help you stay connected

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