

Hepp Disability Profile



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My course: Applied Social Science with a foundation year at the University of Sheffield

My disability and how it impacts me

I'm visually impaired, which impacts a wide range of things in my day to day life. For example, getting around campus, being active in lectures and seminars, and being able to see the projector screen properly during classes.

I was initially quite nervous about applying for higher education, but there was lots of useful information online to explain how the disability support process works.

Support/adaptions I receive

- A mobility instructor to identify how to get around campus
- A note taker attends my lectures to make an accurate record of what is covered. They don't know who the notes are for and I collect them from the support service reception within 24 hours of the teaching session.
- Resources in different formats, such as larger text and different coloured paper

How the support helped me to succeed

The support I've received has definitely helped me to succeed - without the support of the university I just couldn't be here.

During my time at university I've become the co-chair of the Disabled Students Committee, which represents disabled students on campus. I am involved with making processes easier for disabled students, suggesting changes to improve their time at university and making a real difference.

Top tips!

- It's really important to disclose your disability on your UCAS application to save time. When I did mine the university contacted me immediately, so I didn't have to find out who to speak to.
- Be honest! The more detail you disclose about your disability, the more support you will receive.
- Join a society or committee, it's a great way of enhancing your university experience and also helps you to meet others with similar interests and passions.

