



Information for students with dyslexia

Every application for compensation for disadvantages must be preceded by a personal *meeting with the Special Needs Advice Center*.

In connection with applications for compensation for disadvantages owing to dyslexia, expert opinions drawn up by various assessment bodies have been submitted to date. To ensure that uniform conditions and equal opportunities can be guaranteed in future, expert opinions on dyslexia will have to satisfy certain criteria with regard to form and contents¹:

Criteria

- Logopaedic expert opinions will **not** be accepted.
- The following will be accepted: (neuro-)psychological assessment and expert opinions from school psychological services.
- Usually should not be older than three years.
- They must include information about the tests and norms applied and the results obtained.
- Tests:
 - intelligence test,
 - spelling test,
 - reading test.
- Diagnosis in accordance with ICD-10.
- Information about schooling, i.e. information about therapeutic measures and, if applicable, what aids are being used.
- Expert's stamp, date and signature.

Examination and assessment at the School Psychological Service of the Canton of St.Gallen (SPS)

The Special Needs Advice Center recommends that students whose expert opinions fail to satisfy the above criteria contact the SPS for assessment and advice. Equally, students with a suspected specific learning disability may avail themselves of an assessment procedure at the SPS.

Course of action

Students themselves have to fix an appointment with the School Psychological Service. To do so, they have to fill in the *Studierende Uni SG* form:

<https://www.schulpsychologie-sg.ch/a-anmelde-form.html>.

¹ The assessment criteria were drawn up in cooperation with the School Psychological Service of the Canton of St.Gallen (SPS).

Costs

An assessment by the SPS takes a maximum of 8 hours and, at an hourly rate of CHF 170.00, will come to CHF 1,360.00 maximum. These costs have to be borne by the students and have to be settled in advance. If the appointment is cancelled and the assessment does not take place, the advance payment will be refunded less an administrative fee of CHF 85.00. If any services have already been provided, these will be deducted from the refund.

Deadlines

Students themselves are responsible for adhering to the HSG's relevant application deadlines. If an assessment has to be conducted by the SPS, students will have to factor in a sufficient lead time prior to the expiry of the HSG's application deadline (6-8 weeks). Thus it is recommended that they should contact the SPS as early as possible.

Expert opinions which are received after expiry of the relevant deadline cannot be considered.

HSG dates and deadlines

Examination	Date	Application deadline
Integration week	CW ^{a)} 22: CW 36:	Friday of CW 17 Friday of CW 32
Decentral examinations	<i>According to information provided by faculty</i> Autumn semester: Spring semester:	Friday of CW 43 Friday of CW 13
Central examinations	Autumn semester: Spring semester:	Friday of CW 43 Friday of CW 13

a) CW = calendar week

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