

LEARNING DISABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ACCOMMODATIONS



*When learning is your
biggest roadblock...*



Los Angeles Valley College

Services for Students with Disabilities

...learning disabilities don't have to sideline your goals and dreams.



Even students who are really smart rarely ace every class. For everyone, there are subjects that come easily and others that don't. Many people find math and science easier than English or history—or the other way

around. But your academic success depends on your ability to learn. If something is keeping you from learning, it's time to look for a solution.

If understanding a particular subject seems impossible and makes you question your own abilities, you may have a learning disability.

Learning disabilities come in many forms, but

You might read well but find math impossible.

typically are diagnosed in students with intelligence

scores that are average or above but who have a wide gap between their intelligence and their performance in specific academic domains.

If you find learning difficult, it's time to get tested. The sooner, the better.

If you are a student at Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) and suspect you may have a learning disability, the first step is to go through a testing and evaluation process by a Learning Disability Specialist. Avoiding the problem won't make it go away.



Being tested

During five sessions of approximately two hours each (a one-unit class), you will go through a private and completely confidential testing process. This includes:

1. An intake interview
2. A series of tests to measure:
 - Your Intelligence Quotient (IQ)
 - Your level of achievement in various academic domains
3. A final session devoted to helping you understand the outcome.
 - Evaluation of your strengths and weaknesses
 - Determining if you qualify as a student with a learning disability
 - An introduction to the educational tools and accommodations that can help you

Make learning something you want to do, not something you want to avoid.



Moving confidently toward your college graduation dreams

All students who think they have difficulty learning should go through the testing process. It's especially important to be tested if you are planning to transfer to a four-year college or university.

The earlier you find out if you have a learning disability, the more quickly you can access the accommodations that will make it easier for you to learn. Take advantage now of the testing services available here at LAVC.



Addressing your learning disability

The services and accommodations available will depend on whether your problem area is reading, math or your ability to absorb information quickly in the classroom. Some students will be referred to Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)'s High Tech Center, which has computer-based assistive technology appropriate for some learning disabilities.

In addition to the diagnostic testing process, there are also classes you can take at LAVC specifically related to improving your learning skills. You can find out more about these classes by contacting the SSD office.

Classes to improve your learning skills.

How to apply for testing and where to find us

If you think you may have a learning disability, contact the SSD Office as soon as possible to make arrangements for testing and evaluation. Our location and phone number are on the back panel of this brochure.



If you are a student with a learning disability, here are some of the services available:

Math Accommodations

- Note takers to help you in class
- Extra time to complete exams
- You may be permitted to use a calculator in class for math classes*

Reading Accommodations

Learning disabilities in reading are addressed with technology-based tools that help you absorb and understand information.

- Dragon and Kurzweil systems in our High Tech Center that:
 - ◆ Allow you to scan textbook pages, notes and sample exams
 - ◆ The assisted equipment "reads" these documents out loud to you
- Recorded textbooks from Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic
- Equipment you can borrow for the semester to study on your own
- You may be permitted to use assistive devices during tests

Speed-of-learning Accommodations

For students who absorb information more slowly.

- Extended test-taking time
- Note takers to ensure your class notes are complete
- Permission to tape class lectures, so you can listen to them again at your own pace

**In Algebra or higher levels of math.*

Location and hours

For questions about your eligibility or SSD Programs, please contact us:

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Office

Student Services Annex, Room 175

SSD Phone Number (voice) (818) 947-2681

For the hearing-impaired (TTY) (818) 947-2680

Web site: www.lavc.edu/ssd

Office Hours

M-W-Th 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Los Angeles Valley College Mission Statement

Los Angeles Valley College serves as a leader in student success, with pathways for certificates, degrees, transfer, and continuing education.

We enable students to advance their education, personal development, and quality of life, empowering them to be productive and engaged members of the global community.

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