

What do I need to do before I start University?

How to make sure my support needs are set up with the Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS)

I need to:

- ◆ Provide Disability & Dyslexia Service (DDS) with medical evidence
- ◆ Complete the DDS registration sent via email
- ◆ Speak directly to a Disability Adviser to discuss my support needs before term starts
- ◆ Apply for Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA) through Student Finance
- ◆ Send DSA application to Student Finance with evidence
- ◆ Book a Needs Assessment at an Assessment Centre near me (only when I have received the confirmation from Student Finance).
- ◆ Once I have accepted Worcester as my firm choice, apply for accommodation
- ◆ Accommodation: make sure I have told DDS of any special requirements.
- ◆ Attend Early Induction (if relevant and I am invited to by DDS).
- ◆ In the first week: speak to a Disability Adviser to set up specialist support.

What can I do to prepare myself for living & studying at the University?

- ◆ I could practise some simple cooking ideas and other domestic chores such as; food shopping; laundry, cleaning and budgeting.
- ◆ I could work out where the facilities are using the campus maps on the website.
- ◆ I could see what the routes are into the City from St Johns Campus and what the public transport is.
- ◆ I could find out where the nearest supermarket is.
- ◆ I could think about how I might feel when I am in bigger groups at University and how I would cope?
- ◆ I could think about what the best way is to organise myself as most of my study will be independent.
- ◆ I need to remember that it is important to attend my lectures.
- ◆ I might struggle with organising money; I should contact the Money Advice Service at University.
- ◆ I want to get involved with social and sports activities at University. I should check out the Student's Union.
- ◆ I could find out what equipment I would need to take with me to live in Halls.
- ◆ I can find out where Student Services are situated so if I need help, I know where to go. Student Services is Firstpoint in the Peirson Building on St Johns Campus