

# A Quick Guide to Recognizing a Student with Dyslexia

**Did you know that dyslexia is the most common learning problem reported by first-year college students?<sup>1</sup>**

Students with dyslexia are lifelong learners whose perseverance and positive attitude propel them to succeed in education alongside their peers despite their learning differences.

The rigors of college are daunting for any learner. For students with visual and print disabilities, reading, writing, learning and studying at the college level require extra effort and time.



## What to Look for in Students with Dyslexia

- Slow reading rate and reading comprehension
- Difficulties with note taking
- Challenges in organizing ideas, composing written work, editing and proofreading
- Struggles with concentrating in a busy environment with visual and auditory distractions
- Problems with time management and deadlines



## How You Can Help

- Providing additional time for reading, someone to read aloud to student, or recorded readings, i.e. audiobooks
- Accommodating for extra time on tests and assignments
- Proofreading help
- Detailed course outlines
- Help with selecting courses that match their strengths
- Finding quiet, undisturbed space(s) for test-taking
- Help in creating a support network
- Empower self-advocacy – encourage use of accommodations and assistive technology

Learning Ally's specially-formatted audiobooks can eliminate barriers to learning for college students with visual and print disabilities like dyslexia. Learn more at [LearningAlly.org/educators/collegemembership](https://www.learningally.org/educators/collegemembership)

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Academic-Advising-Today/View-Articles/First-Year-Students-with-Dyslexia-Transitioning-to-College.aspx>