Effects of Learning Disabilities on College Students

Study Skills
- Inability to change from one task to another
- No system for organizing notes and other materials
- Difficulty scheduling time to complete short and long-term assignments
- Difficulty completing tests and in-class assignments without additional time
- Difficulty following directions, particularly written directions

Interpersonal Skills
- Impulsivity
- Difficulty delaying resolution to a problem
- Disorientation in time—misses class and appointments
- Poor self-esteem

Reading
- Difficulty reading new words, particularly when sound/symbol relationships are inconsistent
- Slow reading rate—takes longer to read a test and other in-class assignments
- Poor comprehension and retention of material read
- Difficulty interpreting charts, graphs, scientific symbols
- Difficulty with complex syntax on objective tests

Writing
- Problems in organization and sequencing of ideas
- Poor sentence structure
- Incorrect grammar
- Frequent and inconsistent spelling errors
- Difficulty taking notes
- Poor letter formation, capitalization, spacing, and punctuation
- Inadequate strategies for monitoring written work

Oral Language
- Difficulty concentrating in lectures, especially two to three hour lectures
- Poor vocabulary, difficulty with word retrieval
- Problems with grammar

Math
- Difficulty with basic math problems
- Difficulty with aligning problems, number reversals, confusion of symbols
- Poor strategies for monitoring errors
- Difficulty with reasoning
- Difficulty reading and comprehending word problems
- Difficulty with concepts of time and money