

Disabilities Studies

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People with disabilities (mental retardation, chronic mental illness, physical handicaps, autistic disorders, etc.) are among the most under-represented and under-served populations in the United States today. This minor offers students a unique opportunity to develop a richer understanding of what it means to live with a disability in the context of contemporary American society. The minor is anchored by a foundation in Psychology and Sociology, along with a number of electives that allow students to see the links between disabilities and other diverse and marginalized groups (e.g., women, minorities) and to incorporate multiple perspectives (historical, political, economic, ethical). To complete the minor, all students will be required to take 4 core courses in Disability Studies, and to complete 2 to 4 three-credit electives from an approved list. Approved electives **MUST** be clearly relevant to issues connected with disability or **MUST** contain some content explicitly related to disability.

Requirements

The Disabilities Studies minor is open to all undergraduates and consists of an interdisciplinary program of 18-24 credits of required and elective courses.

Required Courses:

59/47.363 Introduction to Disability Studies

42.258 Disability in Literature (AH)

47.362 Psychology of Developmental Disabilities

48.225 Sociology of Disability

In addition students may take any two to four of the following (6-12 credits), provided that no more than one is in Psychology, and no more than two are from any other single department. Courses taken may also be counted as part of the student's major (providing that they do not exceed the 45 credit maximum) and, where applicable, as General Education courses.

List of approved electives (500-level courses open to seniors with GPA of 3.5 only by permission of instructor):

30.320 Legal Issues in Nursing

31.201 Community Health & Environment

34.510 Models and Measurement of Disability

38.315 Kinesiology (EP Majors Only)

19.579 Disability Outcomes and Interventions

44.546 Mental Health and Criminal justice

46.237 Civil Liberties Law and Politics

46.347 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

46.218 Introduction to Politics and Sports
47.272 Abnormal Psychology (SS)
47.335 Psychology and Women (SSD)
47.361 Developmental Psychopathology
47.365 Psychology of Language
47.561 Behavioral Intervention in Autism 1

48.234 The Study of Minorities
48.405 Feminist Methodologies
48.255 Sociology of Deviance (SS)
49.305 Women, Minorities and Immigrants in the Labor Force

57.220 Designing the Future World
57.353 Managing Workforce Diversity
47/59.480 Integrative Fieldwork in Disabilities I
47/59.481 Integrative Fieldwork in Disabilities II

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