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, English 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).

The Disability Studies minor is open to all undergraduates and consists of an interdisciplinary program of 18-24 credits of required and elective courses. Courses taken may also be used to fulfill requirements for the student’s major (providing that they do not exceed the 45 credit maximum) and, where applicable, as General Education courses. Students cannot double count credits toward both their major and minor. Students must have between 18 – 24 credits dedicated to the minor.

Required Courses:
59/47.363 Introduction to Disability Studies (SS) (also offered on-line)

Select three core courses from these six choices:
42.258 Disability in Literature (AH)
47.362 Psychology of Developmental Disabilities
48.225 Sociology of Disability
47/59.480 Integrative Fieldwork in Disabilities I
47/59.481 Integrative Fieldwork in Disabilities II
41.250 Disability and the Law (currently offered through CSCE)

Choose between 2-4 elective courses to reach 18-24 credits in the minor:
19.579 Disability Outcomes and Interventions
30.309 Universal Design in Health Promotion
30.320 Legal Issues in Nursing
31.201 Community Health & Environment
34.510 Models and Measurement of Disability
38.315 Kinesiology (EP Majors Only)
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
48.240 Sociology of Gender
48.255 Sociology of Deviance (SS)
48.405 Feminist Methodologies
49.305 Women, Minorities and Immigrants in the Labor Force
57.220 Designing the Future World
57.353 Managing Workforce Diversity

Notes:

1) Any of the core courses can be used as electives instead of core courses as long as the student has at least three core courses.
2) Students cannot use more than 9 credits in Psychology course towards the minor.
3) Directed Study, Community Service Learning, and Independent Study courses may also be considered.
4) 500-level courses only by permission of the instructor.

Students who seek further information are urged to consult with the Coordinator – Dr. Ashleigh Hillier, Mahoney Hall 1-978-934-2930