DISABILITY STUDIES MINOR

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The Disability Studies minor enhances student understanding and inquiry for an evolving, inclusive, interconnected world by reframing disability as a social construct that exists along a continuum of human diversity.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Increase cultural competency by critically examining disability as a global societal phenomenon.
2. Acquire an awareness and understanding of the various roles and rights of disability in history and in modern society.
3. Explore the Disability Studies’ framework within their field of study and intended profession to enhance advocacy, inclusive best practices, and their role as a change agent.
4. Examine ways in which systems inhibit and promote full participation of people with disabilities.
5. Develop analytical and observation skills and apply inclusive disability frameworks to academic, professional, and personal lives.

Requirements

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<td>EDSP289I</td>
<td>Disability: From Stigma and Sideshow to Mainstream and Main Street</td>
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<td>EDSP220</td>
<td>Disability in Community: Access, Accommodation, and Adaptation</td>
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<td>or HESP202</td>
<td>Introduction to Hearing and Speech Sciences</td>
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Elective Courses

Select three of the following courses:

- BMGT360 Strategic Management of Human Capital
- COMM382 Essentials of Intercultural Communication
- INST466 Technology, Culture, and Society
- EDHD310 Your Brain on Education: The Neuroscience of Learning and Development
- EDSP220 Disability in Community: Access, Accommodation, and Adaptation
- EDSP376 Fundamentals of Sign Language
- EDSP470 Introduction to Special Education
- EDSP498 Special Problems in Special Education
- ENGL296 Reading and Writing Disability
- ENME444 Assistive Robotics
- HESP202 Introduction to Hearing and Speech Sciences
- HONR248 Honors Seminar (HONR248H: From Willowbrook to Attica: Delinquency in the Context of Disability)
- HESP386 Experiential Learning
- HONR218 Honors Seminar (HONR218V: Disability Culture and Life Narratives)
- KNES334 Adapted Physical Activity: Empowering People with Disabilities to Lead a Healthy and Active Lifestyle
- PLCY302 Examining Pluralism in Public Policy

Total Credits: 15

1. All courses listed are 3 credit courses.
2. Students enrolling in EDSP498 must register for 3 credits.
3. Requires permission of the School of Engineering.

Students must pass all courses for the minor with a grade of C or better. No more than six credits can come from off-campus (study abroad, transfer, etc.). Nine of the 15 credits required for the minor must be at the 300 course level or above.

Other elective courses may be included in the DS minor with program advisor's approval.