

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

Course	Title	Credits
Lower Division Foundational Courses ¹		6
CHSE205	Disability: From Stigma and Sideshow to Mainstream and Main Street	
EDSP220	Disability in Community: Access, Accommodation, and Adaptation	
	or HESP202 Introduction to Hearing and Speech Sciences	
Elective Courses ¹		9
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	
EDSP311		
EDSP476	Communicating with Sign Language	
EDSP498	Special Problems in Special Education ²	
FMSC330	Family Health: Health Happens in Families	
ENME444	Assistive Robotics ³	
HESP202	Introduction to Hearing and Speech Sciences	
HESP386	Experiential Learning	
KNES334	Adapted Physical Activity: Empowering People with Disabilities to Lead a Healthy and Active Lifestyle	
PLCY302	Examining Pluralism in Public Policy	
PSYC354	Multicultural Psychology in the U.S.	
SOCY335	Sociology of Health and Illness	
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.