Disability Studies Minor (DSBLYST-MN)

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Disability Studies seeks to study the nature, meaning, and consequences of disability in a global culture from an integrated social, political, and cultural model. It incorporates historical, phenomenological, political, cultural, medical, sociological, technological, educational, and legal perspectives in order to provide an enriched and coherent view of disability as part of the universal human experience, by understanding and analyzing disability as a phenomenon that simultaneously manifests itself at the bodily, person, and societal levels. The minor is designed to provide a context for understanding the meaning and experience of difference in society by requiring students to examine how disability intersects with gender, race, class, age, and sexuality as well.

The Disability Studies minor consists of 14 credit hours of course work. At least six credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above. Once the disability studies coordinator has approved the Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor.

Required core (6 credit hours)

- English 2277 Introduction to Disability Studies (3)
- Speech & Hearing Science 4510 Disability Studies in Context (3)

Additional course work (8 or more credit hours)

Select at least three courses from the following list. All prerequisites must be satisfied for the courses selected. At least 3 credit hours must at the 3000 level or above. No more than 2 hours of Disability Studies 5700 Disability Studies Workshop can be applied toward the minor. No more than 3 hours of Disability Studies 5191 Disability Studies Internship can be applied toward the minor.

American Sign Language
3105 American Deaf Arts and Literature (3)

Anthropology
5630 Language and Culture in Education (3)

Art Education
5708 Disability and Visual Culture: Issues of Representation in Art and Popular Culture (3)

Disability Studies
5191 Disability Studies Internship (1-3)
5700 Disability Studies Workshop (1-3)

Education: Teaching and Learning
5421 Clinical Practice in Treating Reading Disabilities (3)
5501 Inclusion: Philosophical, Social and Practice Issues: General Student Body (3)

Educational Studies: Special Education
2291 Introduction to the Special Education Profession (3)
5557 Language and Children with Disabilities (3)
5722 Communication Skills for Children with Moderate/Intensive Disabilities

English
2367.06 Composing Disability in the U.S.
4410 Healthcare Experiences: Observing, Reading, Writing (3)
4597.01 The Disability Experience in the Contemporary World (3)

Health and Rehabilitation Science
5620 Aging, Accessibility, and Design (3)

Health Services Management and Policy (College of Public Health):
7640 Mental Health & Disability Policy (3)*

Kinesiology: Physical Education
5657 Sport and Disability (3)

Psychology
3331 Abnormal Psychology (3)
4571 Psychology of Developmental Disabilities (3)
5681 Development and Psychopathology (3)

Sociology
2290 Sociology of Death and Dying (3)
5450 Sociology of Global Health and Illness (3)
5629 Health Disparities in Social Context (3)

Speech & Hearing Science
3350 Speech Language Communication Across the Life Span (3)
4530 Introduction to Autism (3)
5605 Multicultural Aspects of Communication (3)

Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies
2325 Health and Inequality (3)
2326 Women and Addiction: A Feminist Perspective (3)

Selections from this group must be made in consultation with the disability studies Coordinator, as some courses have variable topics courses, which only occasionally focus on disability studies. All prerequisites must be satisfied for the courses selected.

* Undergraduates can enroll in graduate courses only with the permission of the instructor and by petition to the Graduate School.

Disability Studies minor program guidelines

Required for graduation

- No credit hours required
- A minimum of 14 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed
- A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE
- A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits
- No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required
- The minor course work must be approved by the Disability Studies advisor.

Filing the minor program form
- The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor
- Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by MaryKatherine Ramsey.

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