Disability Studies, BA

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of persons with disabilities will grow by an estimated 21% between 2007 and 2030. You can learn to make a significant difference in someone's life. In this program, you can learn to understand and address the unique needs of persons with disabilities.

Program Description

The BA program in disability studies explores historical, linguistic, social, artistic and legal dimensions of disability with the goal of improving the conditions of people whose lives are touched by disabilities.

With larger numbers of disabled people and disciplines focused on social justice, the new model for disability studies is that of empowerment rather than fixing a deficit. The curriculum combines theory and practice that prepare students to address injustices, exclusions and misapprehensions regarding disabilities through advocacy and self-advocacy, education, knowledge of the law and historical awareness.

Students in this major develop a professional-level digital portfolio of research in preparation for the job market.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** West campus (WUE)
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changementor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Students deepen their understanding of the diversity and complexity of the world by studying abroad. Study abroad provides a unique opportunity for students to add cultural knowledge to their studies on disability. By studying abroad, students expand their scope of learning and gain personal and professional experience beyond the comfort zone of their home country. With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries, opportunities exist nearly anywhere students want to go. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu
Career Opportunities

Graduates from this program will find career opportunities in many fields, such as social justice, civil service, law, health care advocacy, social work, education, rehabilitative health care, counseling, business, policy and advocacy, government, and with community and nongovernmental organizations.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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