Disability Studies, Minor

The number of disabled people in the U.S. will grow by 21 percent by 2030. Pursuing a minor in disability studies can prepare you to make the greatest impact in addressing the needs of persons with disabilities. According to The New York Times, this training can lead to employment in many areas.

Description

The minor in disability studies explores historical, linguistic, social, artistic and legal dimensions of disability with the goal of improving society in ways that will benefit those with disabilities.

Through curriculum that combines theory and practice, students will be prepared to address injustices, exclusions and misapprehensions regarding disabilities through advocacy and self-advocacy, education, knowledge of the law and historical awareness. The minor's coursework, designed to complement any undergraduate major, utilizes an electronic portfolio tailored to students' professional interests.

Students will be able to apply the knowledge gained in this program toward careers in policy and advocacy, social work, education, government, and with community and nongovernmental organizations.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** West campus

Program Requirements
The minor in disability studies consists of 18 credit hours; a minimum of 12 credit hours must be upper-division. 12 credit hours must be completed through coursework in the School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies. Program requirements include six credit hours of core coursework, nine credit hours of electives and three credit hours of culminating experience. All courses used to fulfill the requirements of this minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

**Core Requirements -- 6 credit hours**

- DST 101: Introduction to Disability Studies (3)
- HRC 200: Introduction to Social and Cultural Analysis (SB & C) (3)

**Electives -- 9 credit hours**

- AMS 449 / ETH 449 / WST 449: Hate Speech, Manifestos, and Radical Writings (SB & C) (3)
- AMS 469 / ETH 469 / WST 469: Abject Bodies and the Politics of Trash (SB & C) (3)
- ASB 339 / POS 339 / SBS 339 / SOC 339: Grassroots Social Movements (SB) (3)
- BIO 312 / IAS 340 / PHI 320: Bioethics (HU) (3)
- DST 322: Social and Cultural Implications of the Many Forms of Disability (3)
- DST 458: Disability and Communication Advocacy (3)
- ENG 469: Science and Literature (L or HU) (3)
- HRC 310: Social and Cultural Studies: Method and Theory (C) (3)
- HRC 494: Veterans and Critical Disability Studies (3)
- IAP 494: Accessibility in Digital Arts and Design (3)
- IAP 494: Disability and Aesthetics (3)
- JUS 301: Research in Justice Studies (SB) (3)
- JUS 437: The Social Construction of Disability and Justice (3)
- JUS 494: Policy, Advocacy and Disability (3)
- SOC 400: Perspectives on Aging (SB) (3)
- SOC 426: Social Inequality (SB) (3)
- WST 444: Gender, Health, and Bodies (SB) (3)

**Culminating Course -- 3 credit hours**

- HRC 480: Capstone: Practices and Approaches (L) or IAP 484: Internship (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.
Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: Disability Studies BA

Other Enrollment Requirements:

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the Degree Audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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