Disability Studies, Minor

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The number of persons with disabilities in the U.S. is estimated to grow 21% by 2030. This program can prepare you to make the greatest impact in addressing the needs of this portion of the population. 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 benefit those with disabilities.

Through curriculum that combines theory and practice, students are 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.

At a Glance

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

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Minor Map

The minor in disability studies consists of 18 credit hours, of which a minimum of 12 credit hours must be upper division. Six upper-division 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 (choose three courses) -- 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** (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 **IAS 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:** BA in disability studies

**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

**Career Opportunities**

Students with a minor in disability studies 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.

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