

Wyoming Institute for Disability
Undergraduate Minor in Disability Studies
Program Fee Proposal
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Background and Rationale

Importance of Disability Studies. Disability Studies is a groundbreaking field that profoundly enhances student understanding of disability as a complex personal, familial, social and cultural phenomenon. The University of Wyoming is one of only twenty-one colleges or universities in the United States with an undergraduate program in disability studies, and with nearly seventy graduates since 2008 this minor has become a premier addition to the College of Health Sciences. The curriculum, focused on the socio-cultural dimensions of disability in relation to education, employment, health access, service provision, and community support, greatly increases student knowledge about disability; further, the practicum experience of building relationships with people with disabilities provides students with experiences that shape their professional goals and personal values.

Comparator Schools. As illustrated in Table 1 below, the addition of a fee at \$12 per disability studies course credit allows for enrichment of student experiences without approaching competitive tuition and fees at comparator institutions.

Table 1. Disability Studies: Comparator Schools and Proposed UW Tuition, Fees. Includes all schools in the U.S. that offer a Minor in Disability Studies.

Comparator School	Disability Studies Undergrad Degree Available	Tuition per Year	Additional or Proposed Program Fees	Estimated 4 year cost for degree with Minor in Disability Studies	Comparator School Tuition, Fees > greater than or < UW
Chapman University Irvine, CA	Minor	\$25,000	None	\$100,000	\$82,654 >
City University of New York NY, NY	Bachelor of Arts, Online	\$6,400	None	\$25,600	\$ 8,254 >
Gallaudet Washington, DC	Bachelor of Arts, Deaf Studies	\$19,300	None	\$77,200	\$59,854 >
Hoffstra University Hempstead, NY	Minor	\$41,000	None	\$164,000	\$146,654 >
Miami University Oxford, OH	Minor	\$14,700 R \$32,500 NR	None	\$58,800 R \$130,000 NR	\$41,288 R > \$88,846 NR >
*Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, AZ	Minor	\$10,800 R \$24,000 NR		\$43,200 R \$96,000 NR	\$25,454 R > \$54,846 NR >
Ohio State University Columbus, OH	Minor	\$10,000 R \$28,000 NR	None	\$40,000 R \$112,000 NR	\$22,654 R > \$70,846 NR >

Pacific University Oregon campuses	Minor	\$41,000	None	\$164,000	\$146,640 >
Shippensburg University Shippensburg, PA	Minor	\$8,000 R \$20,000 NR		\$32,000 R \$80,000 NR	\$14,654 R > \$38,846 NR >
Syracuse University Syracuse, NY	Minor	\$43,400	None	\$173,600	\$156,254 >
University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA	Minor	\$13,500 R \$40,000 NR	None	\$54,000 R \$160,000 NR	\$36,654 R > \$118,846 NR >
University of California, Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA	Minor	\$13,500 R \$40,000 NR	None	\$54,000 R \$160,000 NR	\$36,654 R > \$118,846 NR >
*University of Delaware Newark, DE	Minor	\$13,000 R \$36,000 NR	None	\$52,000 R \$144,000 NR	>\$34,654 R > \$102,846 NR >
*University of Chicago Chicago, IL	Minor	\$15,000 R \$28,000 NR	None	\$90,000 R \$112,000 NR	\$72,654 R > \$70,846 NR >
*University of Maine Orono, ME	Minor, Inter-disciplinary Professional Education	\$9,000 R \$24,000 NR	None	\$28,000 R \$96,000 NR	\$10,654 R > \$54,846 NR >
University of Massachusetts Lowell, MA	Minor	\$14,000 R \$30,000 NR	None	\$56,000 R \$120,000 NR	\$38,654 R > \$78,846 NR >
University of Texas, Arlington Arlington, TX	Minor	\$10,000 R \$20,000 NR	None	\$40,000 R \$80,000 NR	\$22,654 R > \$38,846 NR >
University of Toledo Toledo, OH	Minor and Major	\$ 9,000 R	None	\$36,000 R	\$18,654 >
University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT	Minor	\$ 8,000 R \$24,000 NR	None	\$32,000 R \$96,000 NR	\$14,654 R > \$54,846 NR >
University of Washington Seattle, WA	Minor, Individualized Studies Major, DS	\$10,000 R \$35,000 NR	None	\$40,000 R \$140,000 NR	\$22,654 R > \$98,846 NR >
*University of Wyoming Laramie, WY	Minor	\$4,381 R \$10,333 NR	\$144 per 12 credit requirement	\$17,524 R \$41,332 NR	----

*University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

Fees to Support Enhanced Learning and Student Success

A line item justification for the proposed program fee is provided in Table 2 below. Income from the fees will enhance student learning and success. Students will have access to publications relevant to the field that are not available through the UW Libraries

system. Students will have opportunities to learn from nationally or internationally-recognized scholars in the field, present their original research, and complete practicum experiences that will allow them to critically analyze disability policies and practices. Students will also have opportunities to compete for research and conference travel awards. The program will be able to develop graduate student scholars who will contribute to research, teaching and service. WIND faculty members will mentor graduate students. Ultimately and in response to ongoing student requests, we will formalize a graduate certificate in disability studies. Faculty will have access to research and resources for pedagogy and curriculum enhancement. Faculty will develop and offer new and topical courses. Online courses will be available to students on campus, in community colleges and throughout Wyoming.

Table 2: Disability Studies Minor, Proposed Student Excellence and Success Program Fees.

Disability Studies library development	Books, journals, and films not otherwise available through UW Library and Interlibrary loan system	\$ 2,500
Faculty development	Resources for Disability Studies pedagogy and curriculum enhancement; research and travel support for faculty participation in annual research conference(s).	2,500
Practicum site preceptor development	Resources, training, travel to campus and other Wyoming sites to develop and support practicum and potential practicum sites and supervisors.	500
Faculty Practicum Facilitation	Faculty development, coordination and oversight of student practicum experiences; program director @ 1 credit hour x 2 semesters	6,363
Accessible instruction, Facilitation, Learning	Use of assistive technologies, captioning, software and tools to incorporate and model accessibility and universal design for learning and all environments	1,000
Student Research Symposia	Venue, food, beverages, invitations @ \$1000 each semester	2,000
Student Poster Printing	Printing of student research posters for research symposia @ \$50 per poster x 20 students each year	1,000
Student Research and Travel Awards	Competitive awards to provide students with opportunities to conduct or present research at national or international Disability Studies conferences, meetings	2,000
Graduate Student Research Support	Support for travel, research support, faculty collaboration, and opportunities to present at conferences and develop course content for undergraduate classes	1,000
Part time faculty	Faculty and potential graduate student development for synchronous and asynchronous core course delivery that enables Disability Studies faculty to develop and deliver new courses, to meet student enrollment and courses requests, and to deliver Disability Studies content in other disciplines and Wyoming community colleges throughout the state; Assistant Lecturer(s); up to 4 courses per year @ \$5,250 each	21,000
WIND Speaker Series	Honorariums and support (travel, lodging, venue, announcements) for up to two nationally or internationally recognized speakers to present to	2,500

	students, faculty and broader UW campus and statewide audiences	
Subtotal	Program fees to Wyoming Institute for Disabilities	\$42,363
Cost per credit hour	\$42,363 / approximately 130 students per year / 27 credit hours offered per year = \$12 per credit hour fee	
Cost per student to complete Minor in Disability Studies	\$12 per credit hour x 12 WIND credits = \$144 <i>Can this be \$10?</i>	

Value added to a University of Wyoming undergraduate degree. The majority of students in the Disability Studies Minor are from the College of Health Sciences, especially from Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, Social Work, and Kinesiology & Health. In addition, we attract many students from the College of Education and from the Psychology Department among other programs across the university. After graduating, such students have pursued professions in health, rehabilitation, human services, disability advocacy, policy, and education, and credit their training in the minor as providing a strong philosophical underpinning of social inclusion, disability rights and justice. As a driving commitment, this program actively recruits and encourages the unique perspectives, research, and leadership of students with disabilities, supporting their active participation in a new generation of professionals and educators. Table 3 below identifies the enhancements that the program fees will provide toward student success.

Table 3: Disability Studies Minor, Proposed Fee by Student Enhancement.

Proposed Fee	Needed for Graduation from the Disability Studies Minor	Student Success, Enhancement of Student Learning	Career Readiness
Disability Studies Library		✓	
Faculty and Practicum Site Development	✓	✓	✓
Faculty Practicum Facilitation	✓	✓	✓
Modeling Accessible Instruction, Facilitation, Learning		✓	✓
Student Research Symposia	✓	✓	✓
Student Poster Printing	✓	✓	✓
Student Research Travel Awards		✓	✓
WIND Speaker Series		✓	✓
Part time faculty		✓	✓