What is Disability Studies?

Disability Studies is a diverse interdisciplinary field that investigates broad questions about the nature, meanings, and consequences of disability from social, historical, cultural, and policy perspectives.

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**Why Minor in Disability Studies?**

Disability Studies examines disability from multiple perspectives.

**Health sciences** provide “biocultural” frameworks, integrating the knowledge of people with disabilities into health care and pre-professional training.

**Humanities** perspectives examine multi-cultural representations and meanings of disability, and highlight cultural insight from disability communities.

**Social science** frameworks explore disability rights and policy, and investigate national and global issues facing people with disabilities and their families.

**Students from a range of major fields benefit from the DS Minor**

**Health Science** and **pre-med** students better understand non-medical contexts of disability including the strengths and specific concerns of individuals and families.

**Education** students explore disability as diversity, and gain knowledge in creating inclusive environments.

**Psychology** students gain insight into social contexts of diagnostic categories.

**Humanities** students explore evolving and competing meanings of disability, and examine the relevance of disability to public policy, social inequities, and advocacy movements.

**Business or engineering** students explore assistive technologies, accessible design, and inclusive employment strategies.

**School of Culture, Gender & Social Justice** students examine complex intersections between disability, gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, class, and nation.

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**Disability Studies Minor Requirements**

18 Total Credit Hours

**Required Core Courses: 9 Credit Hours**
- WIND 2100: Introduction to Disability Studies (H)
- WIND 4020: Disability Studies Theory & Practice (COM3)
- WIND 4500: Disability Studies Practicum (Field Placement)

**WIND Electives: at least 3 credit hours required (and up to 9 allowed) from other WIND offerings**
- WIND 2700: Gender & Disability (H)
- WIND 4200: Diverse Minds
- WIND 2500/4500: Topics in Disability Studies (Recent topics include Literature and Medicine, Global Disability Studies)

**External Electives: up to 6 credit hours may be earned from other UW courses with disability content**

We recommend one lower and one upper division elective. Potential courses include:
- EDEX 2484: Introduction to Special Education
- SPPA 2110/2120: American Sign Language I & II
- SPPA 4130: Advanced American Sign Language
- PSYC 4320: Intellectual Disability (prerequisite courses in PSYC)
- FCSC 4124: Families of Young Children with Special Needs (prerequisite courses in FCSC)

Please work with program director, Michelle Jarman, to select WIND and external electives. There is some flexibility depending on student interest.