Disability Studies Minor (DSBLYST-M)

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Disability Studies seeks to study the nature, meaning, and consequences of disability in global culture from an integrated social, political, cultural model. It incorporates historical, phenomenological, political, cultural, medical, sociological, technological, educational, and legal perspectives in order to provide an enriched and coherent view of disability as part of universal human experience, by understanding and analyzing disability as a phenomenon that simultaneously manifests itself at the bodily, person, and societal levels. The minor is designed to provide a context for understanding the meaning and experience of difference in society by requiring students to examine how disability intersects gender, race, class, age, and sexuality as well.

The Disability Studies minor consists of 14 credit hours of course work. Nine credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above. Once the disability studies coordinator has approved the Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor.

Required core (6 credit hours)
English 2277 Introduction to Disability Studies (3)
Speech and Hearing Science 4510 Disability Studies in Context (3)

Additional course work (8 or more credit hours)
Select at least three courses from the following list. All prerequisites must be satisfied for the courses selected. At least 6 credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above. No more than three credits can be taken from the student’s chosen major area. No more than 2 hours of Disability Studies 5700 Disability Studies Workshop can be applied toward the minor. No more than 3 hours of Disability Studies 5191 Disability Studies Internship can be applied toward the minor.

African and African American Studies
7862 Mental Health in the Africana Community (3)
American Sign Language
3350 American Deaf Arts and Literature (3)
Anthropology
5630 Language and Culture in Education (3)
Art Education
5706 Disability and Visual Culture: Issues of Representation in Art and Popular Culture (3)
Disability Studies
5191 Disability Studies Internship (1-3)
5700 Disability Studies Workshop (1)
6700 Introduction to Graduate Study in Disability Studies (3)
Education: Teaching and Learning
5471 Clinical Practice in Teaching Reading Disabilities (3)
5504 Inclusion: Philosophical, Social and Practical Issues: Secondary Education (3)
5557 Language and Children with Disabilities (3)
5551 Introduction to American Sign Language (3)

Educational Studies
7717 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Developmental Disorders (3)
7718 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)

Educational Studies: Special Education
5650 Introduction to Exceptional Children (3)
5678 The Parent-Professional Partnership (3)
5716 Assistive Technologies for People with Disabilities (3)
English
2277 Introduction to Disability Studies (3)
4597.01 The Disability Experience in the Contemporary World (3)
7891.01 & .02 Seminar in Disability Studies in Language and Literature (3)
Health and Rehabilitation Science
7620 Aging, Accessibility, and Design (3)
7717 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Developmental Disorders (3)
7718 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
Health Services Management and Policy (College of Public Health):
7640 Mental Health & Disability Policy (3)
Kinesiology: Physical Education
5657 Sport and Disability (3)

Law
7500 Disability Discrimination (4)
7509 Special Education Advocacy (2-4)
Nursing
7717 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Developmental Disorders (3)
7718 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
Psychology
3331 Abnormal Psychology (3)
4571 Psychology of Developmental Disabilities (3)
5681 Development and Psychopathology (3)
7717 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Developmental Disorders (3)
7718 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
Social Work
7717 Interdisciplinary Seminar on Developmental Disabilities (3)
7718 Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
Sociology
2290 Sociology of Death and Dying (3)
5450 Sociology of Global Health and Illness (3)
5629 Health Disparities in Social Context (3)
Speech & Hearing Science
2230 Introduction to Communication and Its Disorders (3)
4510 Disability Studies in Context (3)
5650 Multicultural Aspects of Communication (3)
5714 Introduction to Sign Language (3)
7717 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Developmental Disorders (3)
7718 Interdisciplinary Perspective on Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
2325 Issues in Women's Health (3)
2326 Women and Addiction: A Feminist Perspective (3)

Selections from this group must be made in consultation with the disability studies Coordinator, as some courses have variable topics courses, which only occasionally focus on disability studies. All prerequisites must be satisfied for the courses selected.

Disability Studies minor program guidelines

Required for graduation
No

Credit hours required
A minimum of 14 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 9 credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed
A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE
A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required
• Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
• No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Unsatisfactory/Satisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits
No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required
The minor course work must be approved by the Disability Studies advisor.

Filing the minor program form
The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor
Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by Jonathan Branfman.

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