Disability Studies (DBST) Courses

DBST 1001 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Disability Studies
Challenging negative stereotypes of disability by allowing students the opportunity to explore disability through many different venues including history, theory, culture, ethics, policy and disability rights. Reframing disability from personal tragedy to issues of oppression, access, inclusion and equality.
Lectures and discussion groups three hours per week.

DBST 2001 [0.5 credit]
Disabling Society
Interdisciplinary approach to the debates and theories that challenge the normative values, knowledge sources, and cultural representations of disablement in society.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing and DBST 1001.
Lecture and discussion three hours a week.

DBST 3001 [0.5 credit]
Disability Studies: Policy and Activism
The complex legal, policy and discursive frameworks that shape the lives of persons with disability and the history of the emergence of the disability rights movement as a scholarly and activist challenge to, and renegotiation of, those frameworks.
Precludes additional credit for DBST 4001 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing.
Lecture three hours a week.

DBST 3304 [0.5 credit]
Disability and Childhood: Transnational Perspectives
Drawing on theory and research in disabled children’s childhood studies, sociology of childhood, disability studies, and girlhood studies, this course examines the discursive and material constructions of disabled youth and childhood in transnational contexts in relation to emerging neo-colonial, neo-imperialist, and neo-liberal ideologies.
Also listed as CHST 3304.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in Child Studies or Disability Studies.
Lecture three hours a week.

DBST 3900 [0.5 credit]
Independent Study
Essays, discussions, and/or examinations based on a bibliography constructed by the student in consultation with an instructor.
Prerequisite(s): third or fourth-year standing in the Disability Studies Minor and a CGPA of 9.0 or higher.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter