Disability Studies (Minor)

Program Requirements

Minor in Disability Studies (4.0 credits)
Open to all undergraduate degree students.

Requirements:

1. 1.5 credits in:

- DBST 1001 [0.5] Introduction to Disability Studies
- DBST 2001 [0.5] Disabling Society
- DBST 3001 [0.5] Disability Studies: Policy and Activism

2. 1.0 credit from:

- CHST 3304/DBST 3304 Disability and Childhood: Transnational Perspectives
- HUMR 3304 [0.5] Disability Rights
- SOWK 4300 [0.5] Social Work and Persons with Disabilities
- SXST 3103 [0.5] Sexuality and Disability

3. 1.5 credits in approved electives at the 1000-level or above

4. The remaining requirements of the major discipline(s) and degree must be satisfied.

Total Credits 4.0

Notes

1. Courses used to fulfill Items 2 and 3 above must be from more than one discipline.
2. Other courses may be substituted for the credits specified in Items 2 and 3, when material on disability is central to the course. Such substitutions must be individually approved by the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women’s and Gender Studies. Students are encouraged to consult course descriptions of Special Topics courses.

APPROVED DISABILITY STUDIES ELECTIVES

Note: access to these courses is not guaranteed, and may depend on space availability and the satisfaction of other requirements such as course prerequisites.

Anthropology

- ANTH 3310 [0.5] Studies in Medical Anthropology
- ANTH 4780 [0.5] Anthropology of Personhood

First Year Seminars (FYSM)

- FYSM 1504 [1.0] Society and the Designed Environment

History

- HIST 3515 [0.5] Madness in Modern Times

Human Rights

- HUMR 3504 [0.5] Public Health and Human Rights
- HUMR 4305 [0.5] Disability and Social Justice

Law

- LAWS 3503 [0.5] Equality and Discrimination
- LAWS 3508 [0.5] Health Law
- LAWS 4503 [0.5] Law, Disability and Society

Psychology

- PSYC 2301 [0.5] Introduction to Health Psychology
- PSYC 2500 [0.5] Foundations of Developmental Psychology

Public Administration

- PADM 4221 [0.5] Health Policy in Canada
- PADM 4817 [0.5] Health Policy in Developing Countries

Social Work

- SOWK 4300 [0.5] Social Work and Persons with Disabilities

Sociology

- SOCI 2050 [0.5] Sociology of Health
- SOCI 3050 [0.5] Studies in the Sociology of Health
- SOCI 3056 [0.5] Women and Health

Technology, Society, Environment Studies

- TSES 3001 [0.5] Technology-Society Interactions

Women's and Gender Studies

- WGST 2803 [0.5] Body Matters: The Politics of Bodies

Regulations

In addition to the requirements listed here, students must satisfy:

1. the University regulations including the process of Academic Performance Evaluation (see the Academic Regulations of the University section of this Calendar).

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. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Precludes additional credit for DBST 4001 (no longer offered). Prerequisite(s): third-year standing. Lecture three hours a week.
DBST 3060 [0.5 credit]
Critical Disability Studies
Course engages contemporary disability theory, culture, and activism to consider bodily difference and its relation to the workings of power and social control, accessibility, normalization, ableism, and medicalization. Students will gain an understanding of the contemporary debates, theories, and methodologies of critical disability studies. Also listed as SOCI 3060.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1001 and SOCI 1002, or SOCI 1003 [1.0], or ANTH 1001, or ANTH 1002, and third-year standing.
Lectures three hours a week.

DBST 3301 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Deaf Studies
A critical introduction to Deaf community and culture as they relate to a social model of disability, to ethnicity, and to issues of diversity and inclusion. Discourse analysis of research and policy in education for Deaf students from early childhood and beyond. Also listed as ALDS 3301.
Precludes additional credit for ALDS 3903A if taken in Winter term 2016 or Winter term 2018, and ALDS 4906A if taken in Fall term 2016.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in Linguistics or Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies or enrolment in the Minor in Disability Studies.
Seminars 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 Childhood and Youth 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.