Disability Studies (Minor)

Program Requirements

Minor in Disability Studies (4.0 credits)
Open to all undergraduate degree students.
Students are required to present a Minor CGPA of 4.00 or higher at graduation in order to be awarded a Minor in Disability Studies.

Requirements:

1. **2.0 credits in:**
   - WGST 1808 [1.0] Introduction to Feminist Social Transformation
   - or FYSM 1402 [1.0] Issues in Feminist Social Transformation
   - DBST 2001 [0.5] Introduction to Disability Studies
   - DBST 3001 [0.5] Disability Studies: Policy and Activism

2. **1.0 credit from:**
   - DBST 3002 [0.5] Mad Studies
   - DBST 3060/ SOCI 3060 [0.5] Critical Disability Studies
   - DBST 3304/ CHST 3304 [0.5] Disability and Childhood
   - HRSJ 3304 [0.5] Disability Rights
   - SOWK 4300 [0.5] Social Work and Persons with Disabilities
   - SXST 3103 [0.5] Sexuality and Disability

3. **1.0 credits in DBST or Approved Disability Studies Electives**

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 Feminist Institute of Social Transformation. 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.

**APPROVED DISABILITY STUDIES ELECTIVES**

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

**Critical Race Studies**
- CRST 2001 [0.5] Introduction to Critical Race Studies
- CRST 3812 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Topics in Critical Race Studies

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<th>CRST 4001 [0.5]</th>
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**First Year Seminars (FYSM)**
- FYSM 1504 [1.0] Society and the Designed Environment

**History**
- HIST 3515 [0.5] Madness in Modern Times

**Human Rights and Social Justice**
- HRSJ 3305 [0.5] Anti-Black Racism
- HRSJ 3504 [0.5] Public Health and Human Rights
- HRSJ 4302 [0.5] Transgender Human Rights
- HRSJ 4305 [0.5] Disability and Social Justice

**Indigenous Studies**
- INDG 2020 [0.5] Indigenous Feminisms: Perspectives on Gender, Sex, and Sexualities (IASS)

**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

**Sexuality Studies**
- SXST 2101 [0.5] Sexuality Studies: A Critical Introduction
- SXST 2102 [0.5] Sexuality, Gender, and Security
- SXST 2301 [0.5] Human Rights and Sexualities
- SXST 3103 [0.5] Sexuality and Disability
- SXST 3104 [0.5] Transnational Sexualities
- SXST 3106 [0.5] Queer(ing) Archives
- SXST 3812 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Topics in Sexuality Studies
- SXST 4101 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Studies of Sexuality
- SXST 4102 [0.5] Queer Theory
- SXST 4103 [0.5] Politics of Kink
- SXST 4104 [0.5] Sexuality and Political Economy
- SXST 4105 [0.5] Queer Ecologies
- SXST 4106 [0.5] Queer Aesthetics: Affect, Cultural Production, Sexuality

**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 2801 [0.5] Activism, Feminisms, and Social Justice
- 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 Continuation 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]
Introduction to Disability Studies
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.
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
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing.
Lecture three hours a week.

DBST 3002 [0.5 credit]
Mad Studies
A critical examination of the psy-disciplines, sanist beliefs and practices, and dominant mental health discourses in Canada and globally through mad-identified people’s experiences, stories, and scholarship.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and WGST 1808 or FYSM 1402 or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours per 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.
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 3812 [0.5 credit]
Interdisciplinary Topics in Disability Studies
An interdisciplinary analysis of one or more topics in critical disability studies. The topics of this course will vary from year to year and are announced in advance of registration.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): Third year standing and WGST 1808 or FYSM 1402 or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours per week. This course is repeatable when the topic changes.

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.

DBST 4812 [0.5 credit]
Interdisciplinary Topics in Disability Studies
An interdisciplinary analysis of one or more topics in critical disability studies.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): Fourth year standing and WGST 1808 or FYSM 1402 OR permission of the Institute.
Seminar three hours per week. This course is repeatable when the topic changes.