Disability Studies, BA

Do you have a passion for impacting the lives of people with disabilities? The disability studies degree program at ASU’s New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences gives you the tools you need to craft policies for governments, corporations and nonprofit organizations that benefit persons with disabilities to help them achieve the lives they wish.

Program Description

Disability is a basic feature of human diversity. In fact, people with disabilities form the largest minority group in the United States, making up approximately a quarter of our population. Since the turn of the twenty-first century, disability studies has become an increasingly prominent academic field, providing students with a multifaceted understanding of the social, cultural, political and economic dimensions of disability.

The BA program in disability studies prepares students to make a positive impact on society. Students learn to confront the marginalization of people with disabilities and to acquire skills in research, advocacy and policy-making that are increasingly important in a range of professions.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** West WUE or Online, ASU Local
• **Additional Program Fee:** No
• **Second Language Requirement:** No
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map (On-campus)
2022 - 2023 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

**English, MA**

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend Online

ASU Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**ASU Local**

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local here.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

Students deepen their understanding of the diversity and complexity of the world when studying abroad. Study abroad provides a unique opportunity for students to add cultural knowledge to their studies on disability. When studying abroad, students expand their scope of learning and gain personal and professional experience beyond the comfort zone of their home country. With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries, opportunities exist nearly anywhere students want to go. More information is available on the Global Education website at https://goglobal.asu.edu/.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates from this program find career opportunities in many fields, such as the arts, business, civil service, counseling, education, government, health care, law, and social work, as well as with community and nongovernmental organizations.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.
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<td>15.2%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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