Disability Studies, **Minor**

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Do you have a passionate desire to impact the lives of people with disabilities? The disability studies minor at ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences gives you the tools you need to craft policies for government, corporations and nonprofit organizations that benefit persons with disabilities and increase their empowerment.

**Description**

The minor in disability studies explores historical, linguistic, social, artistic and legal dimensions of disability with the goal of improving society in ways that benefit those with disabilities.

Through curriculum that combines theory and practice, students are prepared to address injustices, exclusions and misapprehensions regarding disabilities through advocacy and self-advocacy, education, knowledge of the law and historical awareness. The coursework, designed to complement any undergraduate major, utilizes an electronic portfolio tailored to students' professional interests.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West campus](#)

**Program Requirements**

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2022 - 2023 Minor Map

The minor in disability studies consists of 18 credit hours, of which a minimum of 12 credit hours must be upper division. Six upper-division credit hours must be completed through coursework in the School of
Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies. Program requirements include six credit hours of core coursework, nine credit hours of electives and three credit hours of culminating experience. All courses used to fulfill the requirements of this minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

Core Requirements -- 6 credit hours

DST 101: Introduction to Disability Studies (C) (3)
HRC 200: Introduction to Social and Cultural Analysis (SB & C) (3)

Electives (choose three) -- 9 credit hours

AMS 449 / ETH 449 / WST 449: Hate Speech, Manifestos, and Radical Writings (SB & C) (3)
AMS 469 / ETH 469 / WST 469: Abject Bodies and the Politics of Trash (SB & C) (3)
ASB 339 / POS 339 / SBS 339 / SOC 339: Grassroots Social Movements (SB) (3)
BIO 312 / IAS 340 / PHI 320: Bioethics (HU) (3)
COM 494 / DST 494: Disability & Media: The Politics of Representation (3)
DST 322: Social and Cultural Implications of the Many Forms of Disability (3)
DST 394: Civil Rights Law and Accessibility Compliance (3)
DST 394: Disability Studies Memoir and Writing (3)
DST 394: International Disability Issues (3)
DST 394: Special Topics (3)
DST 458: Disability and Communication Advocacy (3)
DST 494 / ENG 494 / IAP 494: Disability and Aesthetics (3)
DST 494: Special Topics (3)
ENG 469: Science and Literature (3)
HRC 310: Social and Cultural Analysis: Method and Theory (C) (3)
HRC 494: Veterans and Critical Disability Studies (3)
IAP 494: Accessibility in Digital Arts and Design (3)
JMC 366: Journalism Ethics and Diversity (3)
JUS 301: Research in Justice Studies (SB) (3)
JUS 437: The Social Construction of Disability and Justice (3)
JUS 494: Policy, Advocacy and Disability (3)
PRM 364: Foundations of Recreation Therapy (SB) (3)
SOC 400: Perspectives on Aging (SB) (3)
SOC 426: Social Inequalities (SB) (3)
WST 444: Gender, Health, and Bodies (SB) (3)

Culminating Course -- 3 credit hours

DST 493: Honors Thesis or HRC 480: Capstone: Practices and Approaches (L) or IAS 484: Internship (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.
Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: BA in disability studies

Other Enrollment Requirements:

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

Career Opportunities

Students with a minor in disability studies find career opportunities in many fields, such as social justice, civil service, law, health care advocacy, social work, education, rehabilitative health care, counseling, business, policy and advocacy, government, and with community and nongovernmental organizations.

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