

# DISABILITY STUDIES MINOR

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The minor in Disability Studies focuses on disability as a social and cultural phenomenon, identity, social construct, and metaphor. Disability Studies applies social, cultural, historical, legal, philosophical, and humanities perspectives to understanding disability in society. Topics covered in Disability Studies include disability law and policy; the sociology, anthropology, geography, and history of disability; the intersection between disability and race, gender, sexuality, and class; the representation of disability in literature, the media, and popular culture; advocacy and self-advocacy; and assistive technology and accommodations for people with disabilities. The Disability Studies minor does not focus on instructional or clinical approaches to disability, but can complement the studies of students in these programs.

The minor requires 18 credits, with 12 credits in Disability Studies (DSP prefix) courses and 6 credits of approved electives. At least 12 credits must be taken in 300 level or above courses, and a minimum of 15 credits must be taken through Syracuse University. Courses must be approved by the student's advisor in Disability Studies. Courses in the minor may be able to be used to fulfill requirements in students' home schools and colleges, at their discretion.

## Requirements for Admission

A 2.8 grade point average is required for admission to the minor in Disability Studies. In addition, a one-to-two page personal statement describing the student's interest in the minor is also required. Although the minor is offered through the School of Education, it is open to any undergraduate students at Syracuse University.

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. Describe, summarize the social, cultural, and political situation of people with disabilities
2. Describe foundational social, cultural, historical, and philosophical perspectives in the study of disability in society
3. Analyze and critique cultural representations and stereotypes of people with disabilities
4. Explain the development of disability rights movements

## Program Requirements

### Disability Studies (DSP) Courses (12 credits required)

Any DSP courses (<https://disabilitystudies.syr.edu/academic-programs/disability-studies-minor/>) including courses taken under numbers cross-listed with DSP, and selected topic DSP courses not yet listed in the catalog.

With the approval of the minor advisor, students may use credits from other Syracuse University courses with a disability studies focus but without a DSP prefix to fulfill the DSP 12-credit requirement.

### Electives (6 credits required)

Students may take up to 6 credits electives, subject to the approval of an advisor. Possible courses include additional DSP courses or the following, among others:

Code	Title	Credits
ANT/WGS 455	Culture and AIDS	3
CFE 362/ SOC 361/ WGS 462	Youth, Schooling and Popular Culture	3
CFE/WGS 444 or SWK/WGS 328	Schooling & Diversity Human Diversity in Social Contexts	3
EDU 310	The American School	3
GEO 372	Political Geography	3
PSC 328	American Social Movements	3
SOC 355	Sociology-of Health and Illness	3
SOC 364	Aging and Society	3
SOC 433	Race, Class, and Gender	3
SWK 315	Social Welfare Policy and Services II	3
SWK 326	Persons in Social Context	3
WRT 428	Studies in Composition, Rhetoric and Literacy	3
WRT 440	Studies in the Politics of Language and Writing	3