Q & A

A Minor in Disabilities Studies

Why consider a minor in Disabilities Studies?

The minor in Disabilities Studies provides a unique interdisciplinary opportunity for undergraduate students to learn about the policies, services, and systems that support the full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

The approach of the minor is that disability is a natural part of the human condition. A greater understanding of disability is important professionally and personally regardless of the field in which you plan to work.

Who will benefit from a minor in Disabilities Studies?

The interdisciplinary approach of the minor in Disabilities Studies will benefit students from a variety of majors:

- Biology
- Engineering
- Psychology
- Family Studies
- Education
- Leadership
- Sociology
- Business
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Hospitality
- Health & Exercise
- Women's Studies
- and others

What is required to minor in Disabilities Studies?

- 3 required courses:

  IFST/PSYC/SOCI 270 Families and Developmental Disabilities

  EDUC 230 Introduction to Exceptional Children

  HEPP 465 Senior Seminar in Disabilities Studies

- 3 elective courses, one from each of the following broad topic areas:
  - Human Development
  - Social Systems
  - Service Delivery Methods

At least one of these courses must also be from outside the requirements of your major and outside of your major department. Additional restrictions apply to some majors.

What opportunities are available in the minor in Disabilities Studies?

- A capstone senior seminar that engages students in hands-on experience and applications to real-life situations
- The option to count relevant independent studies and undergraduate research electives.
- Access to a variety of disability resources, academic and service projects, and regular faculty advisement.

Where can I get more information?

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