



# Disability Studies Program – Marketing, Recruitment, and Outcomes

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# History

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- Project of National Significance in 2001
- Development of seven web-based courses
- Course home
- Student enrollment
- Proposed Disability Studies Portfolio



# DS Core Courses

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- Making Systems Work for People with Disabilities
- Social Context of Disability
- Women with Disabilities
- Aging and Disabilities
- Family Support, Self-Determination, & Disability
- Psychiatric Disabilities: From the Inside Out
- Developmental Disabilities & Self-Advocacy



# Graduate Portfolio in Disability Studies

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- Masters and Doctoral Level
  - 12 semester hours
    - 2 DS core courses
    - 2 from list approved by DS steering committee
    - At least 2 of these courses must be out of department



# Graduate Portfolio in Disability Studies

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## ○ Field-Based Experiences

### ● Masters

- 50 contact hours with people with disabilities throughout course of study
- Regular contact with Steering Committee representative
- Oral presentation to Steering committee, students, and others



# Graduate Portfolio in Disability Studies

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## ○ Field-Based Experiences

### ● Doctoral

- Research experience involving the conceptualization and production of a research proposal
- Data collection and/or analysis on an existing project
- Development of a written project (literature review, research grant proposal, article for publication)



# Faculty Involvement

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- School of Social Work
- Texas Center for Disability Studies
- School of Nursing
- School of Music
- School of Law
- Department of Special Education
- Department of Educational Psychology
- Department of Mechanical Engineering
- Department of American Studies
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Sociology



## Student Disciplines – Graduate Level

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- Social Work
- Special Education
- Educational Psychology
- Nursing
- Educational Administration





# Student Disciplines – Undergraduates

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- Social Work\*
- Kinesiology\*
- Sociology\*
- Applied Learning & Development\*
- Communication\*
- Psychology
- Natural Sciences
- Education
- Government
- General Liberal Arts
- Business
- Nursing
- Public Health
- Journalism



## Student Comments

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“I have enjoyed the readings and content of this course. I learned a lot ... about legislation, civil rights even though I have taken other courses with some of this content. This course has really allowed me to evaluate and critically think about some of this information ...”



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“I have really enjoyed this class a great deal. I feel I have been able to access information about which I knew nothing before.”

“I have learned so much information that will be of great benefit in my profession and in life. Knowledge about this topic is something that I will definitely continue to expand.”