Disability Studies Minor

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Disability studies is a dynamic interdisciplinary minor that considers disability as a civil and human rights issue, an identity, a community, a history, and a form of critical analysis. Disability studies investigates how different cultures define normality and abnormality in terms of bodies and minds, and how the resultant distinctions impact peoples' everyday lives. Rather than approaching disability as a problem in need of a cure, disability studies as a field understands disability as a defining human experience that offers unique perspectives on culture and society. It explores issues and histories from the viewpoints of disabled people and communities, in intersection with other identities like race, class, gender, and sexuality.

Minor in Disability Studies

The minor in disability studies prepares students for a growing range of careers through study of disability and deaf cultures, politics, and histories in fields such as international development, health, design, sign language interpreting, education, and nonprofit management. The interdisciplinary program of study ranges across the university, and many courses fulfill university general-education, multicultural, and second-language requirements.

Course work required for the minor must be passed with grades of mid-C or better. At least 12 of the required 24 credits must be taken at the University of Oregon; at least 12 must be upper-division credits.

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 240	Introduction to Disability Studies	4
Choose three from the following list of courses on social models: [1]		12
ASL 201–203	Second-Year American Sign Language	
ASL 301	American Deaf Culture	
CDS 201	Communication Disorders in Society and Media	
ENG 313		
ENG 386	Bodies in Comics	
ES 354	Environmental Racism	
FHS 483	Prevention of Interpersonal Violence	
GLBL 340	Global Health and Development	
GLBL 467	Global Mental Health	
HUM 240	Medical Humanities	
IARC 204	Understanding Contemporary Interiors	
PHIL 335	Medical Ethics	
PPPM 202	Healthy Communities	
PPPM 250	Arts and Human Values	
PPPM 321	Inclusive Urbanism	
PPPM 407	Seminar: [Topic]	
PSY 366	Culture and Mental Health	
SOC 385	Medical Sociology	
WGS 221	Bodies and Power	
Choose one from the following list of courses on career paths: [1]		4
ARCH 440	Human Context of Design	
ASL 101–103	First-Year American Sign Language	
GLBL 463	Population Displacement and Global Health	
PD 487	BFA Studio II	
PPPM 325	Community Leadership and Change	
PPPM 480	Nonprofit Management	
PPPM 481	Fundraising for Nonprofit Organizations	
PPPM 484	Public and Nonprofit Financial Management	
PSY 459	Cultural Psychology	
PSY 472	Psychology of Trauma	
Field work [2]		4
ENG 404	Internship: [Topic]	
GLBL 435	Global Perspectives on Disability	
PSY 406	Practicum: [Topic]	
SPED 406	Practicum: [Topic]	
SPED 407	Seminar: [Topic]	
Total Credits		**24**

1 Visit disability.uoregon.edu for a full list of options.

2 Fieldwork gives students direct contact with disability and deaf communities, and ranges from self-designed internships to such options as adaptive skiing, community theater, and consultation with international advocates.

All courses must be taken for a letter grade (except for internships associated with Fieldwork) and passed with a C- or better to count toward the minor.