

Disability Studies

Minor

The Disability Studies minor provides a space to explore questions such as these: How has disability been defined in various historical moments, in various cultures and eras? While impairment has unquestionably been a frequent experience throughout human history, has disability—the construction of impairment as a generic social category—been a historical constant, or is it a modern invention? What social ideologies, cultural systems, and societal arrangements have shaped the meaning and experience of disability? How has disability been defined or represented in cultural and artistic productions, public laws and policies, modern professional practices, and everyday life?

Declaring the Minor

Students may declare the minor by submitting the Minor Declaration Form below once they have completed three minor courses, including a core course, no later than the term before their Expected Graduation Term (EGT). In your final semester, students need to submit the Minor Completion Form via email to michellerh@berkeley.edu.

No later than the semester before your Expected Graduation Term (EGT) semester, please submit the following form:

* Disability Studies Minor Declaration Form (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe42qVfBOW9tjmvB-1OuS2GbVRSNypnMk0lxIkU2IN9YgjYIq/viewform/>)

In your final semester, please submit the following documents:

* Completion of L&S Minor Form (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T_Ckpt56_idOPMvpNzFa83cbZYAr3Py8/view/) - **Please be sure to have your major advisor sign page 2 of the Completion of L&S Minor form acknowledging that you are sharing no more than one class between your major and the minor.**

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared before the first day of classes in your Expected Graduation Term (EGT). For summer graduates, minors must be declared prior to the first day of Summer Session A.
2. All upper-division courses must be taken for a letter grade.
3. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required in the upper-division courses to fulfill the minor requirements.
5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.

7. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. If students cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, they should see a College of Letters & Science adviser.

8. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Required Core Courses:

UGIS 110	Introduction to Disability Studies	3
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Plus one of the following courses:

ANTHRO 189	Special Topics in Social/Cultural Anthropology (Disability, Ethnography and Design) Disability, Ethnography, and Design	4
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CY PLAN 120	Community Planning and Public Policy for Disability	3
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ENGLISH 175	Literature and Disability	4
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ENGLISH 180A	Autobiography Disability Memoir	4
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ESPM 149	Bodies, Difference, and the Environment	4
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Select three of the following electives:

ANTHRO 115	Introduction to Medical Anthropology	4
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ANTHRO 196	Undergraduate Seminar	4
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ANTHRO 119	Special Topics in Medical Anthropology	4
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ARCH 169	Special Topics in Construction Materials (when Introduction to ADA and Universal Design)	1-4
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ARCH 269	Special Topics in Construction and Materials (when Introduction to ADA and Universal Design)	1-4
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ART 118	Advanced Drawing: Remixing the Figure	4
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ART 160	Special Topics in Visual Studies	4
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ART 165	Art, Medicine, and Disabilities	4
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CHICANO 176	Chicanos and Health Care	3
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CY PLAN 117AC	Urban & Community Health	3
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CY PLAN 218	Transportation Planning Studio	4
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COMPSCI 160	User Interface Design and Development	4
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EA LANG 114	Illness Narratives, Vulnerable Bodies	4
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EA LANG 160	Neurodiversity in Literature	4
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ECON 157	Health Economics	4
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EDUC 188F	Language, Race, and Power in Education	3
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ENGLISH 80K	Children's Literature	4
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ENGLISH 135AC	Literature of American Cultures	4
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ENGLISH 165	Special Topics	4
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ENGLISH 166	Special Topics	4
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ESPM 150	Special Topics in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management	2-4
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ESPM 162	Bioethics and Society	4
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ESPM C254	Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Health Status	4
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ESPM C282	Health Implications of Climate Change	3
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ETH STD 103C	Proseminar: Issues in the Fields of Ethnic Studies: Racialization and Contemporary Communities	4
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ETH STD 190AC	Advanced Seminar in Ethnic Studies	3-4
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GEOG 170	Special Topics in Geography	3
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GLOBAL 173	International Human Rights	4
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GWS 100AC	Women in American Culture	3
GWS 111	Special Topics (when topic is Disability Justice or Women with Disability in Film and Literature)	1-4
GWS 129	Bodies and Boundaries	4
GWS 130AC	Gender, Race, Nation, and Health	4
GWS 133AC	Women, Men, and Other Animals: Human Animality in American Cultures	4
GWS C180Y	Gender, Sex and Power	4
HISTART 182	Histories of Photography	4
HISTART 190D	Special Topics in Fields of Art History: 15th-16th Century	4
HUM 196	Mentored Research	3
ITALIAN 120	Topics in Italian Studies	4
LD ARCH 140	Social and Psychological Factors in Open Space Design	3
LEGALST 137	Comparative Equality Law	3
LEGALST 154	Human Rights, Research & Practice	4
LEGALST 159	Law & Sexuality	4
LGBT 100	Special Topics	4
LINGUIS 1A	American Sign Language I	5
LINGUIS 1B	American Sign Language II	5
LINGUIS 2A	American Sign Language 3	5
MEDIAST 190	Special Topics in Media Studies	2-4
PACS 148AC	Social Movements, Urban Histories, and the Politics of Memory	4
PB HLTH 116	Seminar on Social, Political, and Ethical Issues in Health and Medicine	3
PB HLTH 126	Health Economics and Public Policy	3
PB HLTH 130	Advanced Health Policy	3
PB HLTH 150D	Introduction to Health Policy and Management	3
PB HLTH 150E	Urban and Community Health	3
PB HLTH C160	Environmental Health and Development	4
PB HLTH 222A	Biomedical Innovation Policy	3
PB HLTH 226D	Global Health Economics	3
PB HLTH 290	Health Issues Seminars	1-4
PUB POL 200	Introduction to Policy Analysis	4
PSYCH 131	Developmental Psychopathology	3
SOC WEL 210C	A Multilevel Approach to Working with Older Adults	2
SOC WEL 245	Course Not Available	2
SOC WEL 246	Course Not Available	2
SOC WEL 250L	Human Sexuality	2
SOC WEL 275	Course Not Available	2
SOCIOL 113	Sociology of Education	4
SOCIOL 113AC	Sociology of Education	4
SOCIOL C115	Sociology of Health and Medicine	4
SOCIOL 137AC	Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity, and the Environment	4
UGIS 112	Women and Disability	3
UGIS 113	Disability Studies in Practice	3

Please visit the minor website to review the master list of Disability Studies minor electives (<https://disability-studies.ugis.berkeley.edu/requirements/>), updated each semester.