

DISABILITY STUDIES GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Graduate Disability Studies Certificate, a 15–25 credit credit program provides three options. The 15 credit program educates students about disability, disability culture and the lived experiences of persons with disabilities. The 20 credit *Critical* Disability Studies Certificate explores the liberal arts foundation of disability studies and diversity studies. The 20 credit *Applied* Disability Studies Certificate applies laws and policies to the study of human rights and diversity. Students successfully completing all 25 DSST credits earn the *Critical and Applied* Disability Studies Certificate.

Required Courses	15
DSST 501	DISABILITY, CULTURE AND SOCIETY
DSST 510	DISABILITY AS DIVERSITY
DSST 590	INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT IN UNIVERSAL ACCESS
Expanded Certificate Option	0-10
Applied Disability Studies	
DSST 520	HUMAN DIVERSITY AND SOCIETY: LAWS AND SOCIAL POLICIES
Critical Disability Studies	
DSST 530	DISABILITY: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES FROM THE LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES
Critical and Applied Disability Studies	
DSST 520 & DSST 530	HUMAN DIVERSITY AND SOCIETY: LAWS AND SOCIAL POLICIES and DISABILITY: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES FROM THE LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES
Total Credits	15-25

Student Learning Outcomes—students will

- demonstrate knowledge of the perceptions and beliefs about disability throughout history and in contemporary society;
- identify Disability culture and recognize the contributions of disabled/ Disabled persons in society;
- recognize how laws and policies influence the lives of people with disabilities
- analyze societal representations of defining disability including the moral, medical and social models;
- analyze the place of disability and disabled persons in academic traditions and disciplines, and in society as a whole;
- understand disability as a characteristic in the diverse tapestry of society;
- apply the principles of universal access to disability and to other diverse societal characteristics.

Additional Student Learning Outcomes, *Applied* Disability Studies Certificate:

- analyze how laws and policies influence the lives of people with disabilities and other traditionally devalued populations based on characteristics including race/ ethnicity, sex and gender, sexual orientation and gender identity, religion and nationality;

- apply a framework for evaluating the impact of laws and policies relative to those that, a) limit or deny groups; b) address or redress problems categorically; c) provide benefits or opportunities to specific groups, and/ or d) are universally and non-categorically based.

Additional Student Learning Outcomes, *Critical* Disability Studies Certificate:

- understand the place and value of disabled people within the foundational philosophies of Western society;
- articulate the nature, and problematic character, of representations of disability in literature, film, art, and performance;
- critique contemporary depictions and deployments of disability;
- recognize and appreciate how people with disabilities and Disability culture have, and continue to, develop their own counter-narratives.

Additional Student Learning Outcomes, *Critical and Applied* Disability Studies Certificate:

- analyze how laws and policies influence the lives of people with disabilities and other traditionally devalued populations based on characteristics including race/ ethnicity, sex and gender, sexual orientation and gender identity, religion and nationality;
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