

PATHWAYS MINORS

DISABILITIES STUDIES



What is it?

The Disabilities Studies minor includes a **multi-disciplinary curriculum** with courses in human development; apparel, housing and resource management; psychology; education; and science, technology, and society. The program will provide students with a multi-disciplinary view of **how disability is defined and what barriers to full inclusion are faced by individuals with disabilities.**

Why do it?

Ability and disability are an important component of **diversity and inclusion**. This minor will benefit **students preparing for careers where they will be working with people or for people**, either directly or through the products and systems they design.



Who is it for?

This interdisciplinary minor is available to **any student who seeks to broaden their understanding of disability**, including how disability and people with disabilities are treated in society and in different academic disciplines. This ranges from students who will become engineers designing equipment to be used by people with disabilities, to teachers who will have students with disabilities in their classrooms, to policymakers considering the best laws and statutes to promote inclusion.

Pathways Core Concepts

- 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities
- 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences
- 6d - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts
- 7 - Critical Analysis of Equity and Identity in the United States

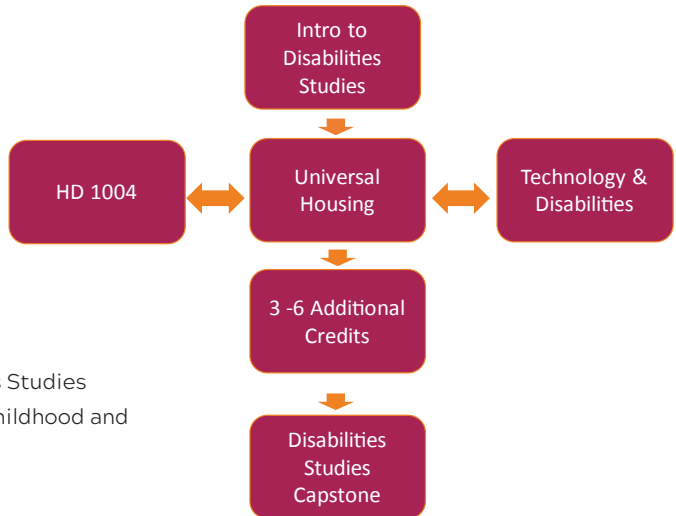
Pathways Integrative Concepts

- Ethical Reasoning
- Intercultural and Global Awareness

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Requirements

The 21-credit minor in Disabilities Studies requires 5 courses from different departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and 2 elective courses (3 credits each).



Required courses

- HD 1134: Introduction to Disabilities Studies
- HD 1004: Human Development I - Childhood and Adolescence
- STS 3284: Technology & Disability
- RED 4664: Universal Design
- HD 4714: Senior Capstone Seminar

Elective courses

Students select the remaining 6 credit hours from a list of 3 options, including EDCI 3144: Education of Exceptional Learners, PSYC 3014: Abnormal Psychology, and PSYC 3034: Psychological Disorders of Children. However, PSYC 3014 requires students to complete either PSYC 1004 or PSYC 2004 prior to enrollment.



*The order of courses listed here is the suggested (but **not** required) sequence, with two electives taken after completion of HD 1134 and HD 1004, but before HD 4714.*

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