

is an interdisciplinary field of study that examines the meaning, nature, and consequences of disability, *as a social, cultural and political construct*. In contrast to educational, clinical, medical, or therapeutic perspectives on disability, DS focuses on *how disability is defined and represented in society*.

Through the interdisciplinary lens the field of Disability Studies shifts the conversation and helps to understand the nuances of disability that are often not considered within the applied professions (Ferguson & Nusbaum, 2012). Thus, the Disability Studies minor provides an opportunity for an in-depth exploration of the field of disability studies to better prepare students to work with and advocate for vulnerable groups (i.e., individuals with differences) within the context of various majors and



DISABILITY STUDIES MINOR

The interdisciplinary Disability Studies minor consists of **five courses (20 Credits)**. Students will complete: **One course at introductory level** (1000 or 2000 level). The students will select **a course** from the following list:

- GSS 2356: Disability Rights and History
- ~~GAH 2281: Introduction to Disability Theories~~
- GSS 1062: Disabilities and Dignity

Three courses as Electives (2000 or 3000 level)