UTA
Disability Studies Minor
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

What is Disability Studies?

The interdisciplinary Minor in Disability Studies explores the experiences of people with disabilities—one of the largest minorities in the United States and worldwide—as well as the ways in which conceptions and representations of disability and "the normal" have shaped human experiences more generally.

Treating disability as a crucial element of human diversity, the Disability Studies Minor approaches disability as a social, cultural, and political construct rather than just a medical condition (as it is commonly viewed).



Mission

To transform lives by providing academic courses, programming, and internships that explore the experiences of people with disabilities—one of the largest minorities in the United States and worldwide—as well as the ways in which conceptions and representations of disability and "the normal" have shaped human experiences more broadly.

To model a campus community that centers disabled people's leadership and expertise on disability and access and that emphasizes mentoring, self-advocacy, and allies' respectful advocacy. The program also works to support scholarly research related to disability by our students and faculty.

Vision

To create a campus environment in which disability and ideas about ability and "the normal" are recognized as integral aspects of diversity, the human experience, and cultures and as invaluable to many academic fields and a diverse array of careers

To help the University of Texas at Arlington move towards being a model barrier-free campus: a truly disability-friendly campus that is training a disability-literate workforce informed by principles of disability equity, disability culture, and critical disability studies.

Advising

We require all new DS Minors to meet with us so that we can help them design a course and internship plan that matches their career and/or graduate school interests!

Interested in adding a DS Minor? Here's how:

- Book an appointment with DS Minor Director Dr. Sarah Rose and DS Minor & Adapted Sports Advisor Mikila Salazar here: https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/DisabilityS

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- Questions? Email Sarah Rose at srose@uta.edu or Mikila Salazar at mikila.salazar@uta.edu

DS Course Offerings

Minors must complete **DS/HIST 3307** (U.S. Disability History), **DS 4395** (DS Internship), 6 other hours in Disability Studies core courses and 6 hours of elective or additional DS core courses. Visit here: https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/departments/disability-studies/program-overview/courses

Core Courses include:

- **DS 3321/ENGL 4345**: "Disability in Literature
- **DS 3312/SOCW 3312**: "Disability & Social Work"
- **DS 3322/PHIL 3322:** "Disability Ethics"
- **DS 3327/HIST 4327**: "Cyborgs & Prosthetics"
- **DS 3346/COMM 4436**: "Disability in Mass Media"
- **DS 3355/THEA 3355**: "Universal Design"
- **DS 3399/ART 3399**: "Disability & Art"
- **DS 4329/MANA 4329**: "Disability & Work"
- **KINE 3304:** "Adapted P.E. & Sport"

Electives include (but not limited to):

- **ASL 1441, 1442, 2313, & 2314**: "ASL" & on
- **HUMA 3300**: "Medical Humanities"
- **KINE 3307**: "Sport & Society"
- **SOCI 4320**: "Medical Sociology:
- **MANA 4326:** Diversity in Organizations

DS Internship

The Disability Studies Internship **(DS 4395)** is a supervised internship through which students apply the academic skills they have acquired in Disability Studies courses. Interns work at an approved business, academic, or non-profit site that focuses on adapted sports, disability history, assistive technology, disability rights and policy, or universal design and accessibility. Students should complete **DS 4395** as one of their final courses for the minor and must have already taken or be taking **DS/HIST 3307.**

The student intern commits to working for a designated organization for approximately 9 hours a week for 13 weeks during a semester in an unpaid position (11 hours per week during the summer 11-week semester). Visit here to learn more: https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/departments/disability-studies/internships

Available Internships

- ADAPT of TEXAS/PACT of Texas/REV UP Texas
- Canine Companions
- Disability Studies Minor
- Gurdianship Court Visitor Program (Tarrant County Probate Court No. 2)
- Movin' Mavs & Lady Movin' Mavs Wheelchair Basketball
- UTA EIR Accessibility
- REACH
- Scott Sabolich & Research
- Student Access & Resource Center
- Texas Disability History Collection
- Other UTA Accessibility: UTA Libraries, UTA Human Resources
- UTARI (UTA Research Institute)
- UTA Center for Research on Teaching & Learning Excellence (CRTLE)
- Whiturn & Pevsner PLLC disability rights law practice

Want to learn more?

For more information about the Disability Studies Minor, contact director Dr. Sarah Rose at srose@uta.edu or the Disability Studies Minor & Adapted Sports Advisor Mikila Salazar at mikila.salazar@uta.edu

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