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Curriculum

Students may enroll in individual DIS courses as electives, or in the undergraduate or graduate concentrations in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies.

The undergraduate concentration consists of 24 credits distributed among 3 core courses, DIS 300 or DIS 400, DIS 450, and DIS 470, and elective courses in three categories: social change, diversity studies and environmental context.

Students pursuing a graduate concentration in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies collaborate with faculty advisors to design a program of core courses and independent study.

Interdisciplinary Disability Studies Courses:

- DIS 300 Disability: Interaction of Human Diversity and Global Environments
- DIS 400 Disability as Diversity I
- DIS 450 Disability: Population-Environment Diversity
- DIS 470 Interdisciplinary Project in Disability Studies
- DIS 480 Independent Project in Disability Studies
- DIS 490 Selected Topics in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies
- DIS 600 Contemporary Disability Theory
- DIS 620 Disability as Diversity
- DIS 630 Disability Policy
- DIS 650 Research Seminar in Disability Studies
- DIS 670 Interdisciplinary Project in Disability Studies
- DIS 671 Interdisciplinary Project in Disability Studies II
- DIS 680 Independent Study in Disability Studies
- DIS 690 Selected Topics in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies

University-Wide Programs

Program Description

Interdisciplinary Disability Studies, administered through the Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies, provides students with a means to explore disability within the larger context of diversity and to examine professional practice, scholarship, and policy related to persons with disabilities at both undergraduate and graduate levels of study. The undergraduate concentration educates students to view disability as diversity, explore universal access, and apply their knowledge and skills to their respective disciplines.

The Graduate Concentrations in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies are designed to prepare students to assume leadership roles in the field of disability and universal access. Graduate students may obtain a concentration in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies in conjunction with masters degree programs across campus, or in conjunction with individually designed Ph.D. or Ed.D. programs.

Career Opportunities

Interdisciplinary Disability Studies at the University of Maine complement different majors and fields and prepare students for specialized career paths within:

Health, Human Services, and Education
Science and Engineering
Environmental Design
Computer Science
Communications
New Media
Public Policy
Law
Diversity Studies
Tourism
Natural Resources
Arts and Humanities

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