

DISABILITY STUDIES (MINOR)

Department Website (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/minor-disability-studies/>)

Program Description

The Disability Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program intended to educate students about the historical, social, and legal circumstances that shape the experience of disability. This undergraduate minor features an interdisciplinary curriculum that incorporates courses across NYU in the humanities, social sciences, communication, education, engineering, medical ethics, and the arts. Students will learn the tenets and history of the disability rights movement, foundational concepts in the field of Disability Studies, comparative global perspectives on disability, and the skills to build leadership in creating a more just and inclusive society.

Disability Studies understands disability in relation to other aspects of the human experience, including social inequality, violence, and social movements; media representations and practices; technology and design; arts access; and psychology, stigma, and variation. The field recognizes that disability is not a matter of discrete impairments, but rather an opportunity for coalition or identification. The field emphasizes the social shaping of disability through injustice and discrimination, biomedical and cultural norms, and legal or architectural barriers that prevent access to education, housing, employment, and transportation. The minor will educate students about the under-recognized history of eugenic prejudice as well as the work of activists to change laws and social worlds.

Minor Declaration

To request declaration of a minor, Steinhardt students should discuss requirements with the minor department's advising team and complete the Minor Application (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/forms-policies-procedures.html>) in Albert. To request declaration of a cross-school minor, Steinhardt students should complete the online Minor Application available in their Albert Student Center. Students may also use the Minor Application (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/forms-policies-procedures.html>) in Albert to request cancellation of a Steinhardt or cross-school minor. For questions related to the declaration or cancellation of a minor, students can contact the Steinhardt Advisement and Registration Team at steinhardt.advisement.registration@nyu.edu.

Program Requirements

The minor requires the completion of 16 credits, comprised of the following:

Course	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
Select one of the following:		4
MCC-UE 1026	Disability, Technology and media	
CAM-UY 2204	Disability Studies	
ANTH-UA 209	Disability Worlds: Anthropological Perspectives	
Electives		
Select 12 credits from an approved list of electives, with no more than eight credits completed in a single department:		12
CAS: Anthropology		

CAS: Philosophy

CAS: Social and Cultural Analysis

Gallatin

Global Public Health

School of Medicine: Child Study Center: Child and Adolescent Mental Health

School of Professional Studies

Steinhardt: Occupational Therapy

Steinhardt: Teaching and Learning

Steinhardt: Music Technology

Steinhardt: Applied Psychology

Tandon

Tisch: Art and Public Policy

Tisch ITP

Tisch Theater

Wagner

NYU Abu Dhabi

NYU Shanghai

Total Credits

16

Policies

Program Policies

Minimum Grades

Students do not need to take the core course first but they must receive a B- or higher in the class. Core courses may count as electives for students who complete more than one core course.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Steinhardt Academic Policies

Additional academic policies can be found the Steinhardt academic policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/culture-education-human-development/academic-policies/>).

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