

# 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 (<http://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/registration.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 (<http://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/registration.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](mailto:steinhardt.advisement.registration@nyu.edu).

## Program Requirements

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

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
Select one of the following:		4
MCC-UE 1026	Disability, Technology and media	
CAM-UY 2204	Disability Studies	
ANTH-UA 113	Disability Worlds: Anthropological Perspectives	
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 12 elective credits from the following, with no more than eight credits completed in a single department:		12
CAS: Anthropology:		

ANTH-UA 35	Medical Anthropology
ANTH-UA 36	Global Biocultures: Anthropological Perspectives on Public Health
ANTH-UA 331	Human Rights & Culture
CAS: Advanced Honors Seminar:	
AHSEM-UA 228	
CAS: Philosophy:	
PHIL-UA 50	Medical Ethics
CAS: Social and Culture Analysis:	
AUA 481	(Disability and Sexuality in American Culture)
Gallatin:	
IDSEM-UG 1294	Health, Humanities, and Culture
IDSEM-UG 1311	Mad Science/Mad Pride
FIRST-UG 419	First-Year Writing Seminar: Disability Arts & Culture
FIRST-UG 816	First-Year Research Seminar: Representations of Disability in Contemporary Memoir
Global Public Health:	
UGPH-GU 28	Ethics and Identity: Disability, Gender, and Race
School of Medicine: Child Study Center: Child and Adolescent Mental Health:	
CAMS-UA 208	
School of Professional Studies:	
TCHT1-UC 3490	Special Interest Tourism (Disabilities, Social Access, and Service in the Hospitality Environment)
Steinhardt: Occupational Therapy:	
OT-UE 1403	Disability Justice and Radical Inclusion
OT-GE 2171	(NYC; Accra; Buenos Aires; Tel Aviv)
OT-GE 2900	Developing Assistive Technology
Steinhardt: Teaching and Learning:	
SPCED-UE 83	Foundations of Spec Educ
SPCED-GE 2127	Disability, Diversity, and Equity in Family, School, and Community
Steinhardt: Applied Psychology:	
APSY-UE 1031	Mental Health: Historical, Social and Political Perspectives
Tandon:	
DM-GY 9103	SPECIAL TOPICS IN DIGITAL MEDIA (Developing Assistive Technologies)
DM-GY 9103-M	(Access and Assistive Technology in Historic Sites and Museums)
DM-GY 9103	SPECIAL TOPICS IN DIGITAL MEDIA (Looking Forward: Vision-Related Access and Assistive Tech)
STS-UY 2214W	Medical Ethics
Tisch: Art and Public Policy:	
ASPP-UT 1006	Special Topics: (Sensing Race: Affects, Phenomena, and Worlding Intimacies) (juniors and seniors only)
ASPP-UT 1017	Queer & Disability Theory
Tisch ITP:	
ASPP-UT 1003	Comics, Disability and Illness

ASPP-UT 1006 Special Topics: (Sensing Race: Affects, Phenomena, and Worlding Intimacies)

ASPP-UT 1017 Queer & Disability Theory

IMNY-UT 241 Introduction to Assistive Technology

ITPG-GT 2447

THEA-UT 732 Theatrical Genres: (Disability, Medicine, and the Performance of Embodied Difference)

Wagner:

PADM-GP 4155 Disability, Policy and Leadership - Building an Accessible World

NYU Abu Dhabi:

CORE-AD 32

CORE-AD 53

CCEA-UH 1023 Dis/Abilities in Musical Contexts

IDSEM-UG 1294 Health, Humanities, and Culture

NYU Shanghai:

CCCF-SHU 101W22 PoH: Networked Bodies: Exhibits, Organ Donations, and Alternate States of Ability

CEL-SHU 101C

INTM-SHU 245 Topics in Experimental Interfaces & Physical Computing - 2pt

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**Total Credits**

**16**

## Policies

### 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/>).