

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Question discourses, ideas, and politics regarding bodies and minds, normalcy and aberrancy
- Understand medical, religious, social, and cultural models of disability
- Understand how social and political categories affect individual human beings and our common life
- Gain expanded exposure to diverse groups of people
- Learn to create workplaces that can accommodate the great variety of human beings who live on our planet and make the most of their heterogeneous talents

STUDENT QUOTES

“This class has completely changed the way I view disability in literature and in life!”

“I have learned so much that is applicable outside of the classroom! This is a class I will remember for years and years!”

RESOURCES

Interested in learning more?

The Society for Disability Studies

Disability Studies Quarterly

Journal of Literary and Cultural Disability Studies

Society for Medical Anthropology

List of United States academic disability studies programs
<http://disabilitystudies.syr.edu/programs-list/>

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CRITICAL DISABILITY STUDIES MINOR

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Critical Disability Studies

OUR VISION

The growing and vibrant interdisciplinary field of disability studies moves the concept of disability beyond the narrowly medical realm in order to interrogate its cultural meanings, politics, history, metaphors, and sociological effects. Disability scholars demonstrate that such seemingly natural oppositions as normal and abnormal emerge from political and historical contexts and have politically measurable consequences for individuals as well as societies. Disability studies further explores how disability is understood in literature and media, and how disabled lives are represented in all forms of art and memoir by those who live them.

EVENTS

Critical Disability Studies Symposium, February 2016:

Speakers were Rosemarie Garland-Thomson; Michele Friedner; Douglas Baynton; Jennifer Barclay

Disability Studies Fall Lecture, 2016:

Rabia Belt

Disability Studies Fall Lecture, 2017:

Alison Kafer

Disability Studies Fall Lecture, 2018:

Melanie Yergeau

Disability Studies Fall Lecture, 2019:

Stephen Kuusisto

COURSES

Students must take:

CDIS 239: Introduction to Disability Studies

And choose 9 credit hours from the following lists:

ANTH 392: Anthropology of Disability

ANTH 340: Global Health

ANTH 592: Anthropology of Aging

ASL 280: American Deaf Community:

Language, Culture, and Society

ENGL 439: Topics in Disability Studies

HIST 302: Sex, Race, and Science

HIST 363: History of Medicine and

Public Health

HIST 480: History of Madness and the

Asylum

IE 590-AT: Assistive Technology Practice

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