

DISABILITY STUDIES (DIS)

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DEGREES/PROGRAMS OFFERED

**3-Year BA
4-Year BA
Honours BA
Minor**

INTRODUCTION

Disability Studies is an interdisciplinary program that balances theory, methods, and practice so that graduates will have both a broad education in the liberal arts and sciences, and a depth of study in the area of Disability Studies. The focus of the program is the critical analysis of disability in society which includes the study of disability as a social, scientific, cultural, historical, and political construction. This allows students to examine such topics as human rights, ethics and accountability, adaptive physical activity, sport and recreation, social movements, normalcy, eugenics, genetic engineering, family, sexuality, employment, socialization and development, aging, education, adaptive and universal design, international development, and gender issues.

Disability Studies is offered jointly with the Disability and Community Support diploma program at RRC Polytech. All students majoring in Disability Studies must complete the diploma program at RRC Polytech, and may begin their studies at either institution. The University of Winnipeg will grant a total of 45 credit hours in transfer credits (21 of which are at the 1000 level) to RRC Polytech students who have completed the 2-year Diploma in Disability and Community Support and wish to major in Disability Studies at UW.

Students in Dcredit hours
Minimum 18 credit hours

REQUIREMENT

12 credit hours in Humanities

6 credit hours in Science (note that some Research Methods courses help fulfil)

below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 1000 level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of

from each of five (5) different subjects

s (18 credit hours in required courses, listed below, plus 18 credit hour transfer from RRC Polytech)

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orizing Disability*

DIS-3002(3) Disability Studies Research Placement

3 credit hours:
Any 3000 level DIS seminar

3 credit hours:
SOC-2126 or any qualitative research methods course approved by the Coordinator

Please note: Courses with asterisks (*) have prerequisites or require departmental approval.

All students in Disability Studies with a RRC Polytech Disability and Community Support Diploma will receive a waiver of SOC-1100(3) or the former SOC-1101(6) only for SOC-

2126(3) Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods. Students who wish to take other Sociology courses must complete the prerequisite introductory course or seek a waiver from the Sociology Department.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN DISABILITY STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	Acceptance into RRC Polytech and the University of Winnipeg
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	120 credit hours
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	Minimum 60 credit hours
Degree:	Minimum 30 credit hours
Major:	
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	
Humanities:	12 credit hours in Humanities
Science:	6 credit hours in Science (note that some Research Methods courses help fulfil this requirement)
Social Science:	12 credit hours in Social Science
Writing:	3 credit hours of Academic Writing
Indigenous:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Maximum Introductory Courses:	Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000 level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.
Distribution:	Minimum 3 credit hours from each of 5 (five) different subjects
MAJOR REQUIREMENT	
Single Major:	Minimum 48 credit hours (27 credit hours in required courses – listed below, 3 credit hours in related course work, and 18 credit hours from the 45 credit hour transfer from RRC Polytech)
	Required Courses:
	DIS-1003(3) Introduction to Disability Studies I
	DIS-1004(3) Introduction to Disability Studies II
	DIS-2100(3) Theorizing Disability*
	DIS-3002(3) Disability Studies Research Placement
	DIS-4001(3) Disability Studies Seminar II*
	DIS-4002(3) Disability Studies Field Placement II*
	3 credit hours:
	Any 3000 level DIS seminar
	3 credit hours:
	Any introductory social science qualitative research methods course
	3 credit hours:
	Any introductory social science quantitative research methods course
	Minimum 3 credit hours of related course work must be taken with the approval

REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HONOURS BA IN DISABILITY STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Students must have completed 30 credit hours with a minimum 3.0 GPA in Honours subject courses (cumulative GPA) and 2.5 GPA (degree GPA) in non-Honours courses. Students must consult with and have the approval of the Program in planning their course of study. Students must be accepted at RRC Polytech and the University of Winnipeg.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

120 credit hours, with minimum 3.0 GPA in Honours subject courses and 2.5 GPA in Non-Honours subject courses

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Degree:
Honours:

Minimum 60 credit hours
Minimum 30 credit hours, including minimum 18 credit hours at upper level (3000/4000) of which a minimum of 9 credit hours at 4000 level.

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Humanities:
Science:

Writing:
Indigenous:
Maximum Introductory Courses:

12 credit hours in Humanities
6 credit hours in Science (note that some Research Methods courses help fulfil this requirement)
3 credit hours of Academic Writing
3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000 level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.

HONOURS REQUIREMENT

Single Honours:

Minimum 54 credit hours (9 credit hours are from the 45 credit hour transfer from RRC.)

Minimum 30 credit hours in upper level (3000/4000 level) courses of which a minimum 18 credit hours must be 4000 level Honours Courses.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN DISABILITY STUDIES

Degree:

Students