

DISABILITY STUDIES, M.A.

Degree Requirements

Students in the thesis route of the Disability Studies M.A. Program are required to complete 18 credit hours of coursework plus a thesis. Students in the course-based route of the Disability Studies M.A. Program are required to complete 24 credit hours of coursework

Required Courses

M.A. Thesis route

Course	Title	Hours
DS 7010	Disability Studies	6
DS 7020	History of Disability	3
DS 7030	Evaluation and Application of Research Methods in Disability Studies	3
CRSE 7XXX	Select a 3 credit hour research methods course external to Disability Studies in the arts and social sciences area	3
Select one of the following:		3
DS 7040	Selected Topics in Disability Studies	
CRSE 7XXX	3 credit hours of elective courses in the arts and social sciences area	
Total Hours		18

M.A. Course-based route

Course	Title	Hours
DS 7010	Disability Studies	6
DS 7020	History of Disability	3
DS 7030	Evaluation and Application of Research Methods in Disability Studies	3
Electives chosen in consultation with the student's advisor consisting of:		12
CRSE 7XXX	Courses in the arts and social sciences area; and/or	
DS 7040	Selected Topics in Disability Studies	
Total Hours		24

Expected time to graduate: 2 years

Progression Chart

M.A. Thesis Route

Course	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
DS 7010	Disability Studies	6
DS 7020	History of Disability	3
DS 7030	Evaluation and Application of Research Methods in Disability Studies	3
Electives		
Select from the following:		3
CRSE 7XXX	3 credit hours of electives in the arts and social sciences area; OR	
DS 7040	Selected Topics in Disability Studies	
External Research Methods Course		

CRSE 7XXX	Select one 3 credit hour research methods course external to Disability Studies in the arts and social sciences area	3
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Thesis

GRAD 7000	Master's Thesis ^{1,2}	0
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Total Hours		18
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¹ Students must demonstrate their mastery of the field and that they are fully conversant with the relevant literature through their thesis/practicum.

² Each student is required to develop a written thesis proposal under the mentorship of his or her Advisor and Advisory Committee. The student's Advisor will give tentative approval of the proposal for presentation to the Advisory Committee. The student must present the proposal orally to the Committee in a closed meeting. At least two weeks prior to the date of the oral presentation, the student will ensure that all members of the Advisory Committee receive the proposal. The Advisory Committee must formally approve the thesis proposal before the student can proceed with the research. Revisions requested by the advisory committee must be completed in a timely manner and be approved by the advisory committee. Research involving human participants or animal subjects requires ethics approval prior to initiation of research.

M.A. Coursework Route

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
Hours		0
Years 1-2		
DS 7010	Disability Studies	6
DS 7020	History of Disability	3
DS 7030	Evaluation and Application of Research Methods in Disability Studies	3
12 credit hours of electives chosen in consultation with the student's advisor consisting of:		12
CRSE 7XXX	Courses in the arts and social sciences area AND/OR	
DS 7040	Selected Topics in Disability Studies	
Hours		24
Total Hours		24

Graduate Focus in Disability Studies

The requirements for the Graduate Focus in Disability Studies are DS 7020 and one of DS 7010 or DS 7030.