

DISABILITY STUDIES MINOR

The Disability Studies Minor at Loyola Marymount University offers an interdisciplinary exploration of disability as a social, cultural, and political phenomenon. Grounded in a Disability Justice framework, the program critically examines the ways disability is shaped by stigma, power, and privilege, equipping students with theoretical tools to analyze disability's intersections with other social categories. Emphasizing inclusion, relationality, and access, the minor fosters conversations that challenge ableism and reframe disability as a site of possibility rather than limitation. The curriculum spans multiple disciplines, integrating coursework from the humanities, social sciences, health sciences, and law to provide a nuanced understanding of disability across historical and global contexts. By centering the lived experiences of disabled individuals and modeling cross-disciplinary collaboration, the minor prepares students to address real-world challenges while advancing equity and justice. Engaging with disability as a core aspect of human diversity, the program contributes to LMU's broader commitments to social justice and cura personalis.

Disability Studies Student Outcomes

- Students will engage with first-person experiences of disability in a variety of media, including, but not limited to, the collections of the LMU William H. Hannon Library.
- Students will identify the conceptual and methodological tools employed in different disciplines to study disability.
- Through an exit survey, students will describe how a disability justice perspective has influenced their college experience and integrates with their area of concentration

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Required		4
DSTD 1000	Introduction to Disability Studies	4
Select three of the following:		12
Electives		12
DSTD 3038	Psychopathology	4
DSTD 3050	Critical Race Theory	4
DSTD 3200	Deviant Behavior	4
DSTD 3451	Disability Justice	4
EVST 3130	Environmental Justice	4
HHSC 3100	Health Services for Marginalized Populations	3
HHSC 3120	Physiology of Aging	3
HHSC 3150	Exercise for Special Populations	3
SOCL 3200	Deviant Behavior	4
SOCL 3240	Sociology of Aging	4
WGST 3300	Gender, Race, and the Graphic Novel	4
WGST 3900	Gender, Race, and Disability	4