

Master of Arts (M.A.) in “Humanities - Interdisciplinary” with a formal Concentration in Disability Studies



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Through a non-medical and non-clinical interdisciplinary curriculum, this new program provides students with the knowledge base and theoretical means to question conventional understandings of the “normal” body and mind. Both core and elective courses analyze disability and the lives of people with disabilities as they are represented in history, literature, sociology, anthropology, and other disciplines.

The program is a perfect complement to an education in the medical and clinical fields, for professionals and pre-professionals in fields such as rehabilitative and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and various support services. The program will also be of interest to public school teachers and administrators developing curriculum for primary and secondary schools in disability-related subject matter.

Requirements for the Master of Arts (M.A.) in “Humanities - Interdisciplinary” with a formal Concentration in Disability Studies

- Students will be admitted to the program by the Director of the Center for Disability Studies acting in concert with an admissions committee.
- Students will complete a total of 30 units of core and elective courses that have been approved by the Center for Disability Studies, *plus* 6 units of supervised project or internship.
 - Students will take 5 core courses (totaling 15 units) as part of the degree.
 - During their first semester of enrollment, students will take Introduction to Disability Studies (fall semester).
 - During their second semester, students will take Disability History I (spring semester).
 - The remaining 3 core courses (totaling 9 units) may be taken anytime during the student’s tenure.
 - Students will take 5 elective courses (totaling 15 units) as part of the degree.
 - Students will take 6 units (1 course per semester) of supervised project or internship credit during their final year in the program.
- Students will select their electives from the list of pre-approved elective courses within the Disability Studies Concentration.
- Advanced students may petition the Director of the Center for Disability Studies to take elective courses that do not appear on the list of electives, but are directly relevant to their own interests within disability studies.

Applications for the 2012-2013 academic year are due April 1, 2012.

For more information see our website: <http://disabilitystudies.buffalo.edu>

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