

# 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 Red River College. All students majoring in Disability Studies must complete the diploma program at Red River College, 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 Red River College students who have completed the 2-year Diploma in Disability and Community Support and wish to major in Disability Studies at UW.

Students in Disability Studies graduate with both a diploma from Red River College and a degree from The University of Winnipeg.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN DISABILITY STUDIES

<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENT</b>	Acceptance into Red River College and the University of Winnipeg
<b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT</b>	90 credit hours
<b>RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT</b>	
Degree:	Minimum 30 credit hours
Major:	Minimum 18 credit hours
<b>GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b>	
Humanities:	12 credit hours in Humanities
Science:	6 credit hours in Science (note that some Research Methods courses help fulfil this requirement)
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 48 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 five (5) different subjects
<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENT</b>	
Single Major:	Minimum 36 credit hours (18 credit hours in required courses, listed below, plus 18 credit hours from the 45 credit hour transfer from RRC)
	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) Research Disability Studies Placement I*
	3 credit hours:
	Any 3000 level DIS seminar
	3 credit hours:
	Any introductory social science qualitative research methods course <u>or</u>
	Any introductory social science quantitative research methods course
	<b>Please note:</b> Courses with asterisks (*) have prerequisites or require departmental approval.

All students in Disability Studies with a Red River College (RRC) Disability and Community Support Diploma will receive a waiver of SOC-1101(6) Introductory Sociology only for SOC-2125(3) Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods and 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

<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENT</b>	Acceptance into Red River College and the University of Winnipeg												
<b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT</b>	120 credit hours												
<b>RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT</b>													
Degree:	Minimum 60 credit hours												
Major:	Minimum 30 credit hours												
<b>GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b>													
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												
<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENT</b>													
Single Major:	<p>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)</p> <p>Required Courses:</p> <table> <tr> <td>DIS-1003(3)</td><td>Introduction to Disability Studies I</td></tr> <tr> <td>DIS-1004(3)</td><td>Introduction to Disability Studies II</td></tr> <tr> <td>DIS-2100(3)</td><td>Theorizing Disability*</td></tr> <tr> <td>DIS-3002(3)</td><td>Research Disability Studies Placement I*</td></tr> <tr> <td>DIS-4001(3)</td><td>Disability Studies Seminar II*</td></tr> <tr> <td>DIS-4002(3)</td><td>Research Disability Studies Placement II*</td></tr> </table> <p>3 credit hours: Any 3000 level DIS seminar</p> <p>3 credit hours: Any introductory social science qualitative research methods course</p> <p>3 credit hours: Any introductory social science quantitative research methods course</p> <p>Minimum 3 credit hours of related course work must be taken with the approval of the Disability Studies Coordinator.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> Courses with asterisks (*) have prerequisites or require departmental approval.</p> <p>All students in Disability Studies with a Red River College (RRC) Disability and Community Support Diploma will receive a waiver of SOC-1101(6) Introductory Sociology only for SOC-2125(3) Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods and 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.</p>	DIS-1003(3)	Introduction to Disability Studies I	DIS-1004(3)	Introduction to Disability Studies II	DIS-2100(3)	Theorizing Disability*	DIS-3002(3)	Research Disability Studies Placement I*	DIS-4001(3)	Disability Studies Seminar II*	DIS-4002(3)	Research Disability Studies Placement II*
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DIS-4001(3)	Disability Studies Seminar II*												
DIS-4002(3)	Research Disability Studies Placement II*												
Combined Major:	Minimum 60 credit hours from two different majors with not less than 24 credit hours from each major subject.												

Students who have obtained at least a 3.0 GPA in previous Disability Studies courses may substitute a maximum of 18 credit hours at the 4000 level for 3000 level courses. Students without the required 3.0 GPA must consult the Department for permission to take 4000 level courses.

## 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 Red River College 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.  
Students are allowed a maximum of 12 credit hours of Directed Readings toward the Honours requirement

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)	Research Disability Studies Placement I*
DIS-4001(3)	Disability Studies Seminar II*
DIS-4002(3)	Research Disability Studies Placement II*
DIS-4900(6)	Honours Research Paper*

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 of 12 credit hours of related courses must be taken with the approval of the Disability Studies Coordinator.

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

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Double Honours:

Minimum 36 credit hours in each Honours subject  
Minimum 24 credit hours in 4000 level Honours courses in Disability Studies

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN DISABILITY STUDIES

Degree: Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor.  
Minor: 18 credit hours in the Minor subject, with a minimum of 12 credit hours above the 1000-level  
Residence Requirement: Minimum 12 credit hours in the Minor subject

### Required courses:

DIS-1003(3) Introduction to Disability Studies I  
DIS-1004(3) Introduction to Disability Studies II  
DIS-2100(3) Theorizing Disability\*

3 credit hours:  
Any 3000 level DIS seminar

6 credit hours from:  
Other DIS courses  
Any qualitative research methods course  
Any relevant course(s) approved by the program coordinator

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

Restrictions: Students cannot declare the same subject as a Major and a Minor.

## COURSE LISTINGS

DIS-1003(3)	Introduction to Disability Studies I	DIS-3002(3)	Research Disability Studies Placement I
DIS-1004(3)	Introduction to Disability Studies II	DIS-3003(3)	Disability Studies Directed Readings
DIS-2100(3)	Theorizing Disability	DIS-3006(3)/	Embodied Subjects
DIS-2200(3)/	Disabilities, Sexualities, and Rights	WGS-3006(3)	
WGS-2264(3)		DIS-4001(3)	Disability Studies Seminar II
DIS-3001(3)	Disability Studies Seminar I	DIS-4002(3)	Research Disability Studies Placement II
		DIS-4900(6)	Honours Research Paper

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called "All Course Descriptions" in the "Academic Calendar" section of the University website:  
<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html>