The Graduate Disability Studies Certificate program is designed for students intending to teach, conduct research or pursue a career related to disability studies. This additional, university-wide, interdisciplinary, advanced training provides knowledge about intersectional disability research, theory and policy and the ways ableism is structured into society and culture, both globally and locally.

The Graduate Disability Studies Certificate emphasizes the creation of new knowledge and consequent practical implications. Students will enhance their advanced degrees with research skills, concepts, methodologies and theoretical perspectives that support much-needed, creative research, approaches and perspectives that they can apply within their own fields.

At a glance:

Admission Requirements

- Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution. Students who are not regularly admitted to a graduate degree program may still pursue the certificate.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00) in the last 60 hours of their first Bachelor's degree program.
- When applicable, applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00) in a Master's degree program.

Applicants must submit:
1. Graduate admission application and application fee
2. Official transcripts
3. Proof of English proficiency

Degree Requirements: (Total = 15 credit hours)

Required Core Courses: (3 credit hours)

- JUS 530
  Social Policy, Critical Advocacy and Disability (in-person) — 3 credit hours

OR

- JUS 565
  Critical and Comparative Issues in Disability (in-person) — 3 credit hours

Elective Courses (12 credit hours)
See list of approved elective classes

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