

## Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies

## **Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies**



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The University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies, Maine's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, is now offering a 3-course Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies.

The certificate program is a progressive 9-credit graduate-level curriculum in which individuals from a variety of disciplines and professional backgrounds can study with students and professionals from other fields to acquire specialized knowledge in disability theory, policy and research. The Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies provides a valuable credential for those currently working in direct services (i.e., rehabilitation, nursing, social work or education); the creation of accessible environments and products (web designer, landscape architect, or engineer); or those interested in or involved with disability and human rights policy.

Three online asynchronous courses examine disability theory, policy, and practices that address disability needs, rights and interventions. The certificate program is open to individuals who have obtained a baccalaureate degree, including those who seek only the certificate; who want to study in one or more of the courses without seeking the certificate; and students currently matriculated in masters and doctoral programs.

The three 3-credit course sequencing is designed to allow a student to complete the Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies in 12 months or less.

DIS 500 - Contemporary Disability Theory
(An introduction to disability theory)

DIS 520 - Disability: Advanced Interaction of Human Diversity and Global Environments (Advanced disability theory)

DIS 530 - Disability Policy
(Historical context of current disability policy)

For more information, please contact Dr. Stephen F. Gilson, Graduate Coordinator and Professor of Interdisciplinary Disability Studies at 207.581.1263 (v) or email: <a href="mailto:stephen.f.gilson@maine.edu">stephen.f.gilson@maine.edu</a>

Visit the program website: <a href="mailto:ccids.umaine.edu/interedu/ids/graduate-certificate/">ccids.umaine.edu/interedu/ids/graduate-certificate/</a>

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