

## Minor in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies (IDS)



The Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies (CCIDS), in conjunction with faculty representatives from 14 academic departments at the University of Maine, offers a **Minor in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies (IDS)**. The Interdisciplinary Disability Studies curriculum provides students a means to explore disability within the larger context of diversity and to examine professional practice, scholarship and policy related to persons with disabilities.

The minor consists of 24 credits distributed among elective courses in three categories: social change, diversity studies, and environmental context; and three core interdisciplinary courses taught by faculty with expertise in disability studies. Students declare this minor in addition to their major field of study.

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The components of the minor are a common core of three DIS courses and electives in three categories of study.

### Required Core DIS courses (9 credits):

- **DIS 300 — Disability: Interaction of Human Diversity and Global Environments (3 credits);**
- **DIS 400 — Disability as Diversity I (3 credits);**
- **DIS 450 — Disability: Population-Environment Diversity (3 credits)**

### Electives (15 credits):

- **Choose a minimum of one course from each of the three categories: social change, diversity studies and environmental context.**

The coursework provides students with an appreciation of the many factors that affect human diversity, and how their disciplines and disability studies can reciprocally inform one another.

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