

## **Interdisciplinary Disability Studies (DIS) DIS 530 Disability Policy (Fall 2016)**

Offering a Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies  
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### **DIS 530 Disability Policy (Fall 2016)**

**Class Number:** 10624

**Instructor:** Elizabeth DePoy, Ph.D.

**Location:** Web/Online Course

**Credits:** 3



This course focuses on three learning objectives:

- Analyze the historical context of current disability policy.
- Critically examine the major federal legislative policies that guide disability responses.
- Apply, compare, and contrast multiple models of policy analysis to the examination of policy and identification of needed policy change and policy advocacy.

The course begins with an examination of multiple policy analysis models, using them to frame thinking and precise analysis of a wide range of ethical policy dilemmas including but not limited to Wrongful Life and Wrongful Birth, Physician-Assisted Suicide, reasonable accommodation, and distributive justice issues.

Within the course, students are encouraged to develop individualized exploration and analysis of disability and health policies that are of particular interest and relevance to their area of scholarship, discipline, or professional area of practice.

[DIS 530 Disability Policy](#) may be taken as a stand alone, single course or as part of the 4-course [Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies](#).

For more information about this course or any of the graduate Interdisciplinary Disability Studies courses, please contact Dr. Stephen F. Gilson, Graduate Coordinator and Professor of Interdisciplinary Disability Studies at 207.581.1263 (v) or email: [stephen.gilson@umit.maine.edu](mailto:stephen.gilson@umit.maine.edu)

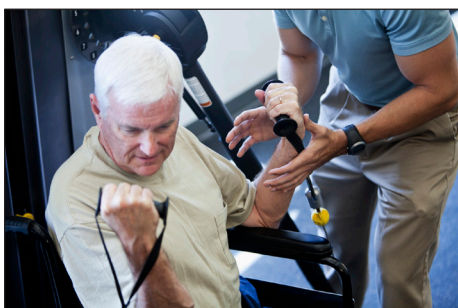
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## Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies

# Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies



**T**he University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies, Maine's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, is now offering a 4-course Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies.

The certificate program is a progressive 12-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.

Four 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 four 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)
- **DIS 550 - Research Seminar in Disability Studies**  
(Seminar in research methods)

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