Graduate Specialization in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies (IDS)

The University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies (CCIDS) offers a Graduate Specialization in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies (IDS) in conjunction with several master’s degree programs across the University of Maine campus, or in conjunction with the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Through coursework, independent studies, or research, and in collaboration with the students’ disciplinary departments, students examine a range of issues confronting local, state, national, and global communities in which people with disabilities live.

Faculty:
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Stephen F. Gilson, Ph.D., IDS Coordinator and Professor

Master's level students would enroll in and successfully complete the following courses:
- DIS 500 Contemporary Disability Theory
- DIS 520 Disability: Advanced Interaction of Human Diversity and Global Environments
- DIS 530 Disability Policy
- DIS 550 Research Seminar in Disability Studies*
- DIS 570 Master's Interdisciplinary Project in Disability Studies*
*(or a course in student’s discipline considered under collaborative guidance of interdisciplinary disability studies faculty and student’s home discipline faculty, approved by disability studies coordinator)

Doctoral level students would enroll in and successfully complete the following courses:
- DIS 500 Contemporary Disability Theory
- DIS 520 Disability: Advanced Interaction of Human Diversity and Global Environments
- DIS 530 Disability Policy
- DIS 550 Research Seminar in Disability Studies*
- DIS 670 Doctoral Interdisciplinary Project in Disability Studies*
*(or a course in student’s discipline considered under collaborative guidance of interdisciplinary disability studies faculty and student’s home discipline faculty, approved by disability studies coordinator)

Graduate students who wish to pursue a Graduate Specialization in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies should work with their academic advisor and the IDS Coordinator to develop a plan of study.

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