More Information

Disability Awareness Week

Each year JMU's Office of Disability Services hosts Disability Awareness Week. This event promotes knowledge of disability as both a topic and a lived experience through keynote speakers, panel discussions, film screenings, experiential learning opportunities, and facilitating increased engagement in local and global communities. Students who pursue the minor in Disability Studies are encouraged to take advantage of the many DAW events to broaden their knowledge and deepen their community connections.

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The Minor

- The minor in disability studies engages students in an examination of the many ways disability is defined and constructed.

- Students will build knowledge of the political, rhetorical, social, educational, historical, legal, and medical frameworks of disability through both classroom and experiential study in courses drawn from several disciplines.

- Students will examine the ways systems inhibit and promote full participation of people with disabilities, explore how communities define and reinforce norms, and understand disability as an inherent part of diversity and inclusivity.

- The minor in disability studies is open to all undergraduate students at JMU. The introductory course DST 100 can be taken the same semester with core courses. More than one core course can be taken to count toward the overall credit requirement. No more than nine hours may be taken from a single discipline. No more than two courses may be double counted for a student’s major/minor.

- Students will be able to apply the critical frameworks they develop not only to their academic studies, but in their professional, personal, and civic lives, supporting their development as globally enlightened citizens.

Courses

Required Courses | Credit Hours
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DST 100. Introduction to Disability Studies | 1

Choose one of the following core courses: | 3
JUST 385. Disability and Justice
KIN 429. Special Topics in Adapted Physical Education
WRTC 430/SCOM 343. Contemporary Rhetorical Theory and Practice: Disability Rhetoric
SOCI 335. Disability and Society
SOCI 375. Medical Sociology

Choose five of the following elective courses: | 15
ANTH 360. Medical Anthropology
ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology: Sex and the Social: The Cultural Politics of Reproduction
DANC 325. Dance in Community
HIST 306. A History of the Body in the West
JUST 221. Social Justice Theories
SCOM 370. Introduction to Health Communication
SOCI 304. Social Deviance
SOCI 385. Madness and Society: The Sociology of Mental Health and Illness
SRM 242. Sociology and Psychology of Sport and Recreation
SRM 436. Facilities and Event Management

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