

## Core Requirements

Students must take the following two courses:

- ◆ HAX 664 Conceptual Foundations of DS
- ◆ HAX 668 Emerging Topics in DS

Plus one of the following three courses (3 credits)

- ◆ HAX 665 Disability, Participation and Justice
- ◆ HAX 667 Disability, Language, Rhetoric & Narrative
- ◆ HAX 669 Disability and Health in Local and Global Contexts

Plus two elective courses (6 credits)

## Admission Process

Admission to The Graduate Certificate Program in Disability Studies is open to any full-time student enrolled in a Stony Brook graduate degree-granting program. Health professionals and disability service providers and independent scholars who have completed their bachelors degrees and who wish to enrich their disability area expertise are encouraged to apply. Admission applications via ApplyYourself. Applicants must show writing and critical analytical abilities sufficient to pursue this course of study. The applications will be reviewed by the program director and a committee of faculty drawn from the SBU disability studies network.

### To Apply Contact:

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**2018-2019**

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## Graduate Certificate Program in Disability Studies at SBU

The certificate program in Disability Studies focuses on multiple social and environmental factors that influence the experience of chronic conditions and functional impairments. These factors range from architectural barriers to social discrimination and have a profound influence on access to education, employment, recreation, and participation in other community activities across the life cycle.

### In Disability Studies You will:

1. **Develop** an individualized plan of study for your unique interests and desired areas of growing expertise.
2. **Learn** about the emergence of disability studies and its relevance to activism, policy and service provision.
3. **Critically evaluate** programs and policies related to disability in the contemporary world.
4. **Identify alternatives** to clinical approaches to “impairment” (the visible or invisible physical difference body) and disability (the socio-cultural, environmental consequences of impairment).
5. **Use** disability studies to challenge and change traditional structures, systems, and policies. Transform fundamental understandings of disability experience in health fields, service systems, in academia, and in society as a whole.

## Program Description

Disability Studies draws from and enriches many fields in the social sciences and the humanities. It is relevant to applied social and health professionals, educators, and policy makers. The goal of this certificate program is to train scholars from clinical and non-clinical backgrounds to develop expertise in practical and policy implications of disability with the intent of addressing social inequalities, improving quality of life and community access for disabled people.

### Disability Studies Students

- (1) Examine the multi-faceted meanings of the concept of disability;
- (2) Explore the role of power, social identity, and status as related to disability
- (3) Consider the role of social, economic, and environmental inequalities, and;
- (4) Assess actual and desired changes at the organizational, community, national, and international levels that might positively affect disabled people.

In addition to benefiting students in the social, health and other applied sciences, the certificate will help make students in humanities marketable in health and social service professions or open up other career paths to them.

## Disability Studies can be studied in conjunction with any discipline, field or profession

The program has affiliated faculty members from more than a dozen different programs in the social and behavioral sciences, humanities, arts, business, computer science and health fields.

The program is designed to develop and enhance individual expertise and allow students to specialize in specific areas of disability experience. It draws on faculty whose work engages with disability in a wide range of disciplines.

Graduates of our program may work in:

- ◇ Higher education
- ◇ Primary and secondary education
- ◇ Disability and social services across the lifespan
- ◇ Local, state, national government
- ◇ International governmental and development organizations

## Individualized Course of Study

If courses are not available on a particular topic of interest, students may arrange directed readings with an affiliated faculty member. This gives students the opportunity to design their own individualized course of study and to develop areas of interest and professional expertise.