



University of Colorado  
Colorado Springs

# Undergraduate Disability Studies Certificate

## Description

For undergraduate students wishing to develop understanding of the interdisciplinary field of disability studies, the College of Education and College of Letters, Arts and Sciences offer a certificate of specialization. Completion of the certificate provides evidence of specialized study, which can be beneficial for enhancing future career options and interests. The certificate is useful for careers in the private sector and educational institutions, including social work, graduate and professional schools, community action organizations, and social services.

## Courses

### Required Course

SOC 4230 Foundations of Disability Studies

Three of the courses options below (9 course credits) :

### Course Options

SOC 4240 Sociology of Dis/Ability  
SPED 3000 Disability Studies in Education  
COUN 3200 Professional Orientation and Case Management in Rehabilitation  
WEST 3400 Contemporary Theory in WEST  
HUM 3990 Disability Tales [this section only]  
SOC 4010 Sociology of Military, Disability & Trauma  
SPED 4020/WEST 4020 Significant Support Needs  
WEST 4030 Bodies, Genders, Sexualities  
SOC 4120 Body, Culture and Power  
COUN 4100 Medical & Psychosocial Aspects of Disability  
SOC 4650 Sociology of Mental Illness

See our website ([west.uccs.edu](http://west.uccs.edu)) for a continually updated list of course options.

## Additional Information

Certificate coursework is transferable into certain bachelor degree programs at UCCS.

Some courses are offered online and others on campus.

Expected time to completion is one to two years, depending on course offerings and preferred modality.

A minimum grade of 3.0 is required for each course applied toward the certificate.

Additional disability studies related courses may be offered that can be counted

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