



University of Colorado  
Colorado Springs

# Undergraduate Certificate in Disability Studies

For undergraduate students wishing to develop understanding of the interdisciplinary field of disability studies, we 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 students planning careers in the private sector and educational institutions, including social work, graduate and professional schools, community action organizations, and social services.

## General Requirements

- Minimum requirement for completion: four courses, for a total of twelve credits.
- A minimum grade of 3.3 is required for each course applied toward the certificate.
- To complete the certificate program, students are required to submit a transcript and five-page, self-statement, evaluating changes in their perceptions of disability issues as a result of certificate/course participation and implications for future scholarly and professional work.

## Required Course

SOC 4230 Foundations of Disability Studies

## Course Options

- SOC 4240 Sociology of Dis/Ability
- SPED 3000 Disability Studies in Education
- WEST 3400 Advanced Theory: An Intersectional Approach
- SOC 4010 Sociology of Military, Disability and Trauma
- SOC 4120 Body, Culture, & Power
- SOC 4650 Sociology of Mental Illness
  
- Additional disability studies related special-topic courses may be offered that can be counted toward the undergraduate certificate. These courses must be approved in advance by the certificate coordinator.

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