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PROGRAM COURSES

DIS 503 Foundations of Disability Studies
This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of disability studies. It requires participants to engage in a critical dialogue around disability in its various contexts. Participants in this course will come to understand that societal perspectives, the built environment and cultural dynamics shape the disability experience.

DIS 504 Applications of a Disability Studies Framework
This course expands concepts introduced in DIS 503: Foundations of Disability Studies. It takes an in-depth look at historical representations of disability, disability legislation and its impact on those with disabilities and how interdisciplinary collaboration and evidenced-based practices can promote improved attitudes, increase access and full inclusion for people with disabilities in all aspects of society.

DIS 507 Advanced Principles and Practices of Family Support, Self-determination and Disability
In-depth research and exploration through independent and group work into the principles and practices of disability awareness, family support and self-determination with applications for multi-disciplinary professions.

DIS 689 Capstone
This is a capstone course for the certificate.

PURPOSE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY DISABILITY POLICY AND PRACTICE CERTIFICATE

By completing the Interdisciplinary Certificate in Disability Policy and Practice students will gain a deeper understanding of the complexity of disability and current disability issues that will develop and enhance their interprofessional knowledge and skills. We encourage graduate students and non-degree seeking applicants from a variety of disciplines to participate in this program.

How to Apply
To apply, students must complete an application with a recommendation from one of their department faculty members. For additional information, please view the IHD projects website for access to the certificate application.

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