The vision for the Institute for Human Development-Arizona University Center on Disabilities is that people with disabilities participate in all life experiences.

Administration
The Minor in Disability Studies is administered by the Institute for Human Development at Northern Arizona University. Students may register for the minor through the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Advising Center.
The Institute for Human Development offers a Minor in Disability Studies for undergraduates at Northern Arizona University.

MINOR IN DISABILITY STUDIES
The Minor in Disability Studies provides students with foundational knowledge of the rapidly emerging field of disability studies. Students will have the opportunity to:

• Explore and critically examine the historical and legal treatment of people with disabilities
• Acquire an awareness and understanding of the role of disability in today’s society
• Examine their own personal attitudes towards disability while reflecting on the construct of "normality" and the ways in which this concept has shaped the understanding of disability
• Realize that disability is part of human diversity
• Appreciate the concepts of acceptance, inclusion, integration, independence and productivity as these apply to individuals with disabilities and society at large.

PROGRAM COURSES
DIS 201 Introduction to Disability
Introduction to Disability explores the disability experience from the perspective of the person with a disability, from how society views disabilities and considers the relationship between the two.
3 credits - In Person

DIS 303 Perspectives on Disabilities
This course explores the personal, cultural, social, political, and economic experiences of persons with disabilities in global and national contexts.
3 credits - Online

DIS 304 Accessibility and Usability Introduction to Universal Design
Introduction to issues faced by individuals with disabilities and others based on the planning and design of spaces, products, facilities, curriculum, and information and how universal design addresses these issues.
3 credits - Online

DIS 418 Law of Disability Discrimination
This course presents key legislation pertaining to individuals with disabilities including the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 and other related laws and their impact on employment, housing, transportation, and independent living.
3 credits - Online

DIS 498C Senior Seminar in Disability Studies
The seminar, reserved for students who are in the Minor in Disability Studies, provides a forum for discussion of topical issues pertaining to individuals with disabilities across the life span.
3 credits - In Person

Additional Units
Three (3) units selected from courses offered across the NAU campus that meet the criteria of embedded disability content in the course and approved by the program advisor.
3 credits - In Person

How to declare the minor
Students must see an advisor in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences to declare the minor in Disability Studies. The minor is currently open to Flagstaff Mountain Campus students. For additional information, please follow the IHD website link below.

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