

GRADUATE PROGRAM



UNIVERSITY
OF MANITOBA

INTERDISCIPLINARY
MASTER'S PROGRAM IN

DISABILITY STUDIES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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The Interdisciplinary Master's Programme in Disability Studies examines the social, rather than the physical or psychological determinants, of people's experience of disability. This focus shifts the emphasis from a medical, prevention, treatment, remediation model to a social, cultural, political one.

In addition to the Interdisciplinary Master's Degree Programme in Disability Studies, we also offer a graduate level Option in Disability Studies that is available to both Master's and Doctoral students. Students in the Master's Program will be able to apply their undergraduate degrees and work experience to pursue advanced interdisciplinary research and scholarship. Students taking the Option in Disability Studies will complement their major program area of study with coursework which analyses the social construction of disability.

BURSARIES

W.J. Patrick Kellerman Bursary (See our website for details.)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

M.A./M.Sc.

Admission requirements are those of the Faculty of Graduate Studies found in the Graduate Studies section of the Graduate Calendar, graduates of honours or equivalent programmes at the University of Manitoba (or equivalent from other recognized universities) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours, are eligible for direct admission to a course of study leading to the Master's degree. Students who have completed a University of Manitoba Pre-Master's program with a minimum GPA of 3.0 are also eligible for admission. Pre-Master's programmes which have been taken at other universities may be accepted.

Students with undergraduate degrees from a wide range of disciplines – such as Architecture, Arts, Education, Human Ecology, Engineering, Management, Medicine, Nursing, Physical Education and Recreation Studies, Science, Social Work and Women's Studies – are eligible to apply if they meet the above requirements.

Option in Disability Studies

Students in faculties and departments that currently have a graduate programme and wish to include a focus on disability studies may take the Option in Disability Studies. This would include taking two of the core courses.

Upon completion of the requirements, a concentration in Disability Studies will be recorded on the student's transcript. For information concerning the option, interested students are directed to their student advisor or the director of Disability Studies.

Some students registered in other graduate programs may also take a course as an elective.

CORE COURSES

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hr.
*DS 7010	*Disability Studies	6.0
<i>*prerequisite for all other DS 7000 courses</i>		
DS 7020	History of Disability	3.0
DS 7030	Evaluation and Application of Research Methods in Disability Studies	3.0
DS 7040	Selected Topics in Disability Studies	3.0

Master's Degree in Disability Studies

- 24 credit hours including: 18 credit hours of required work – the 4 core courses plus a 3 credit hour Research Methods course; 6 credit hours of elective course work; plus a thesis
- The 6 credit hours of elective courses can be taken from courses offered at the 3000, 4000, 5000, or 7000 level, in consultation of the advisor.
- Students will be required to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0, with no individual course grade below a C+
- To pursue a M.Sc., students will be required to have an undergraduate degree in Science. They must also take at least 6 hours of elective credit hours at the 7000 level in science subjects in those faculties offering the M.Sc.

Master's Degree

Required

- The 4 core courses shown above
- 3 credit hours of a Research Methods course
- thesis

Electives

- 6 credit hours

Option

DS 7010 Disability Studies

DS 7020 History of Disability or DS 7030 or Research Methods

OVERVIEW

The objectives of this program in Disability Studies are as follows:

- To promote interdisciplinary work in Disability Studies.
- To provide graduate students with an opportunity to apply their undergraduate degrees and work experience to an interdisciplinary Master's degree program in Disability Studies.
- To meet the demand from students, staff and organizations of/for persons with disabilities for an interdisciplinary graduate program in Disability Studies.
- To facilitate and encourage the involvement of leaders in the disability community and at the University of Manitoba to be educators, researchers and decision makers.
- To enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
- To promote greater access to the University for persons with disabilities.

The Interdisciplinary Master's Degree in Disability Studies program will allow the pursuit of interdisciplinary graduate education in this area. It will also accommodate students from other faculties and professions who are interested in enhancing their knowledge in the field. The program will present a core body of courses in the field of Disability Studies, while at the same time, providing a broad complement of discipline-specific electives in other departments and faculties.

There is a diverse group of faculty members at the University of Manitoba with expertise in Disability Studies. They are in Architecture, Community Health Sciences, Economics, Education, Family Studies, Medicine, Nursing, Physical Education and Recreation, Social Work, Sociology and Women's Studies.



JOIN US IN WINNIPEG

- To study in the cradle of the disability rights movement in Canada.
- Home to the Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities since 1974.
- Home to the Council of Canadians with Disabilities head office since 1977.
- Where Disabled Peoples' International started in 1980.
- Where disability rights leaders have worked at the local, Canadian and International levels since 1974.
- Where people with disabilities are included in the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR).



FACULTY & STAFF

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The Interdisciplinary Master's Program in Disability Studies is a joint program initiative of the University of Manitoba and the Canadian Centre on Disability Studies. This is the first graduate program of its kind in Canada.

Experts from community disability organizations are involved in the course delivery as guest speakers, lecturers or facilitators as provided for by University regulations.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application deadlines:

For sessions starting	International	Canadian/US
September	March 1	June 1
January	July 2	October 1

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Note: In the event of any inconsistencies between the information found in this brochure and the University's Graduate Calendar, the Calendar entry shall prevail.

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