



disAbility Studies

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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CTX is a regionally accredited institution of higher education, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees through a variety of delivery methods. We offer more than 20 majors across four colleges.

Concordia's campus, unique in its natural setting on a preserve, is conveniently located minutes from both downtown Austin and the Texas Hill Country. Our location provides students with resources and opportunities to learn, explore and thrive in the best of both worlds — a small school and a big city.

ABOUT THE MINOR

The disAbility Studies minor at Concordia University Texas is designed to complement any undergraduate major.

One in four U.S. adults lives with a disAbility. The minor equips students with the knowledge and skills to work effectively with individuals with disAbilities.

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Students will learn how to address injustices, exclusions and misapprehensions regarding disAbilities through advocacy, education and historical awareness. The disAbility Studies minor consists of six courses (18 credit hours).

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Intro to Exceptional Learners

This course focuses on the foundation of exceptionalities. Students will explore basic theories and concepts related to the identification and classification of exceptional learners from diverse cultural backgrounds as well as the legislation and litigation to support individuals with disAbilities.

Language & Intercultural Communication

Students will focus on language and communication disorders as they relate to oral language development of the exceptional learner from diverse cultural backgrounds. The course highlights many areas, including the nature, causes and prevention of language, speech and hearing disorders.

Consultation & Collaboration

This course is designed to increase awareness of the framework and rationale for collaboration, the facilitating factors involved and strategies for implementation. The main emphasis of the course is on understanding collaborative consultation as a process that enables people with diverse expertise to work together to generate solutions for inclusiveness in the work and school environments.

Methods for Teaching the Exceptional Learner

The course is designed to address instructional strategies and issues to teach learners with behavioral and/or learning disAbilities; intellectual and developmental disAbilities; and the organization of special classes and curriculum adaptation. There will be particular emphasis on methods for culturally and linguistically diverse exceptional learners. This course requires fieldwork.

WHY MINOR IN DISABILITY STUDIES?

- ▶ Skills are relevant to a majority of careers
- ▶ Enhance degree with a minor
- ▶ Prepare for graduate degree in Education or licensure

WHY CHOOSE CTX?

- ▶ Small class sizes allow for individualized attention
- ▶ Minor is open to all majors
- ▶ Complete in just four semesters



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