

DISABILITY STUDIES, MAJOR (0252)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0252

Previous Code: M1138.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Disability specialist expertise has become a growing area of demand in accordance with changing global policy and social service frameworks. Australia has followed these global trends, with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) as the largest area of social policy reform since Medicare. This major develops students' professional expertise, knowledge and skills to effectively adapt and apply international disability rights-based standards to their professional practice and respond to the competing demands of complex funding and service environments.

Location

| Campus | Mode | Advice |
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| Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road | Internal | Associate Professor Karen Soldatic (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/k.soldatic@westernsydney.edu.au) |

Major Structure

Students must complete at least 30cp in subjects at level 3.

Students must complete the following compulsory subjects

| Subject | Title | Credit Points |
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| Autumn session | | |
| WELF 1012 | Understanding Disability: Historical and Contemporary Frameworks | 10 |
| WELF 3023 | Indigenous Disability and Inclusion | 10 |
| WELF 3021 | Disability Rights, Policy and Governance | 10 |
| Spring session | | |
| WELF 3022 | Disability and Sexuality | 10 |
| Plus four subjects from the following pool | | 40 |
| Autumn session | | |
| HUMN 2027 | Health, Illness and Biomedicine: A Sociological Perspective | |
| BEHV 2008 | Mental Health in the Community | |
| Spring session | | |
| HUMN 2025 | Families and Intimate Life | |
| WELF 3011 | Professional Practice in Aged Care and Disability | |
| CULT 1022 | Working with Cultural Differences | |

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Social Science (1807) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-international-studies-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Social Science (1667) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Social Science (Advanced) (1733) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-social-science-advanced/>)

Diploma in Social Science/Bachelor of Social Science (6023) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/diploma-social-science-bachelor-social-science/>)