



CHID/LSJ/DIS-ST 230

Intro To Disability Studies

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The course will introduce you to a critical framework for recognizing how people with disabilities have experienced disadvantages and exclusion because of societal responses. We will explore how disability activists and scholars have re-conceptualized disability from social-political, cultural, and human rights perspectives. Disability studies draws on links between disability, gender, class, and race, suggesting new ways of thinking about difference and identity, power and privilege, the body and society.

How does society predominantly understand disability?

What are the resulting social justice consequences?