

Introduction to Disability Studies

Wheelchair
parking sign

Stair access
to beach

Curb cut

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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 reconceptualized 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.



"I'm not disabled or differently-abled or specially-abled or exceptionally-abled. I'm an accountant in a wheelchair."