

MS in Disability and Human Development

Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study. In exceptional cases applicants having a lower GPA may be admitted if they can demonstrate substantial evidence of their ability to complete the program successfully.
- **Tests Required** None.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score** (for international applicants)
 - **TOEFL** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test, **OR**,
 - **IELTS** 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, **OR**,
 - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Program Application** Required.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Two letters or reference surveys required.
- **Personal Statement** Required.
- **Deadlines** [Application deadlines](#) for this program are listed on the Graduate College website.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the minimum requirements of the Graduate College, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 32.
- **Course Work** This program requires a minimum of 32 semester hours of credit. At least 12 of these 32 hours must be attained in courses at the 500 level. No more than 12 semester hours may be transferred from accredited and acceptable study at other institutions.

Course	Title
Required Core Courses	
DHD 401	Disability, Human Development and Community Participation
DHD 408	Disability Through the Lifecourse
DHD 510	Concepts in Interdisciplinary Research on Disability
Concentration Courses	
Disability Studies Concentration	
Select a minimum of two of the following: ^a	
DHD 407	Cultural Politics of Disability and Health
DHD 409	Disability Legal Studies
DHD 570	Disability and Culture
DHD 581	Disability Policy

Select an additional 3-5 minimum hours of Disability Studies classes approved by the advisor.

Assistive Technology Concentration

DHD 440	Introduction to Assistive Technology: Principles and Practice
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Select one of the following:

DHD 551	Computers, Communication and Controls in Rehabilitation Technology
DHD 554	Augmentative Communication Assessment
DHD 555	Consideration, Assessment and Documentation of Assistive Technology in PreK-12 Educational Setting
DHD 556 & DHD 557	Seating and Positioning for Wheelchair Mobility and Manual and Powered Wheelchair Technologies (Must take both courses for a total of 3 hours of credit)

Select an additional 3 hours of AT Assessment course work approved by the advisor.

Select an additional 3 hours of DHD classes approved by the advisor.

Electives

Minimum of 8 hours

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Other DHD classes may be substituted with approval.

- **Comprehensive Examination** Not required.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis or course-work-only options are required. No other options are available.
 - **Thesis:** A thesis is strongly recommended for students interested in pursuing careers in scholarship or research. Students electing a thesis must complete a minimum of one 3-hour methodology course approved by their advisor as part of their concentration/elective hours. Students in the Assistive Technology concentration must additionally register for DHD 590 as part of their concentration/elective hours. All students must form a committee, and register for one hour of DHD 593 to develop and defend a short thesis proposal. Students must pass the proposal defense in order to take DHD 598. A minimum of 5 total hours of DHD 598 are required.
 - **Disability Studies Concentration Course-Work-Only Option:** Students in the Disability Studies concentration electing the course-work-only option must register for 3 hours of DHD 594 with a faculty member, and take an additional 3 hours of Disability Studies courses, approved by the advisor.
 - **Assistive Technology Concentration Course-Work-Only Option:** Students in the Assistive Technology concentration electing the course-work-only option must register for 3 hours of DHD 590 with a faculty member or DHD 441, and take an additional 3 hours of DHD courses, approved by the advisor.

Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- Black Studies
- Gender and Women's Studies
- Museum and Exhibition Studies