PhD in Disability Studies

Admission Requirements
Applicants will be considered on an individual basis by the admission committee for the doctoral program in Disability Studies. Individuals who fail to meet one or more criteria for admission may be admitted conditionally if their applications are otherwise strong and the applicant agrees to work with her/his mentor to address these gaps through courses and other recommended work.

To establish a mentor relationship, all applicants for the program are strongly encouraged to meet one or more faculty members whose research interests most closely match those of the student. The coordinator of the PhD program will arrange such meetings for applicants upon request.

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

- **Baccalaureate Field**  No restrictions.
- **Prior Degrees** A master's degree is not required but is recommended for admission to the program.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study and a minimum of 3.00/4.00 for all work beyond the baccalaureate level.
- **Tests Required** GRE General with a combined verbal and quantitative score of 297.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score (for international applicants)**
  - TOEFL 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Internet-based TOEFL); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (New Paper-Based—after August 2018); 550 (Institutional Testing Paper-Based—prior to August 2018), 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.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required.
- **Personal Statement** Required.
- **Deadlines** Application deadlines (http://grad.uic.edu/deadlines) for this program are listed on the Graduate College website.

Degree Requirements
The Disability Studies Program is designed primarily as a full-time course of study. Students who are full time will be expected to maintain a course load of three or more classes per semester. Each student will have an advisor chosen from the faculty of the program. The advisor will monitor the student’s progress through the program and serve as the chair for the dissertation committee.

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 96 semester hours beyond the baccalaureate degree.
- **Course Work**

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### Elective Courses

At least two research methods courses appropriate to the student's research interests are chosen with an advisor and must total a minimum of 9 additional credit hours.

### 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** (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/black-studies-conc)
- **Gender and Women's Studies** (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/gws-conc)
- **Museum and Exhibition Studies** (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/architecture-design-arts/muse-conc)