

BS in Disability and Human Development

Program Codes:

20GF1165BS

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Disability and Human Development degree from UIC, students need to complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Disability and Human Development degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the [College of Applied Health Sciences](#) section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
Summary of Requirements		
	University Writing Requirement	6
	General Education Requirements	18
	Major Requirements (Core and DHD Electives)	34-35
	Electives to reach Minimum Total Hours	61-62
Total Hours		120

University Writing Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
Total Hours		6

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses^a		
	Analyzing the Natural World course	3-5
	Understanding the Individual and Society course	3-4
	Understanding the Past course	3
	Exploring World Cultures course	3
	Additional General Education courses from any category ^b	3-6
Total Hours		18

a *The University General Education requirement is 24 hours distributed across six categories. The Understanding U.S. Society and Understanding the Creative Arts requirements are met by required courses within the major (DHD 101 and DHD 102).*

b *Students take additional General Education courses from any of the six General Education categories to reach the required 24 hours of General Education coursework.*

Major Requirements (Core and DHD Elective)

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
DHD 100	Disability and Human Development Seminar ^a	1

DHD 101	Disability in U.S. Society ^b	3
DHD 102	Disability in American Film ^c	3
DHD 201	Disability, Rights, and Culture	3
DHD 202	Disability, Health, and Society	3
DHD 301	Disability, Research, and Interdisciplinary Methods	3
DHD 302	Disability, Policy, and Law	3
DHD 303	Disability Activism: From the Local to the Global	3
DHD 400	Disability and Human Development Capstone	1
DHD 401	Disability, Human Development and Community Participation	3

DHD Elective Courses

Select three of the following:		9
DHD 203	Disability in World Cultures	
DHD 204	Disability in the Humanities	
DHD 205	Disability, Race, Class and Gender	
DHD 206	Disability, Inclusive Cities, and Environmental Accessibility	
DHD 407	Cultural Politics of Disability and Health	
DHD 408	Disability Through the Lifecourse	
DHD 409	Disability Legal Studies	
DHD 440	Introduction to Assistive Technology: Principles and Practice	
DHD 450	Topics in Disability Studies	
DHD 494	Special Topics in Disability and Human Development	
Total Hours		34-35

a *Transfer students are not required to complete DHD 100 as part of the DHD core courses and will earn a total of 34 hours in core courses.*

The additional hour will be made up in elective hours.

b *Satisfies the Understanding U.S. Society General Education requirement.*

c *Satisfies the Understanding the Creative Arts General Education requirement.*

Electives to reach Minimum Total Hours

Code	Title	Hours
Courses		
	Electives to reach minimum total hours	61-62
Total Hours		61-62

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
DHD 100	Disability and Human Development Seminar	1
DHD 101	Disability in U.S. Society ^a	3
DHD 102	Disability in American Film ^b	3
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
	General Education course (Analyzing the Natural World)	3
	Elective	3
Hours		16

Spring Semester

DHD 201	Disability, Rights, and Culture	3
DHD 202	Disability, Health, and Society	3
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
General Education course (Understanding the Past)		3
Elective		3
Hours		15

Second Year**Fall Semester**

DHD Elective		3
General Education course (Exploring World Cultures)		3
Electives		9
Hours		15

Spring Semester

DHD Elective		3
DHD 300-Level Core		3
General Education course (Understanding the Individual and Society)		3
Electives		6
Hours		15

Third Year**Fall Semester**

DHD 300-Level Core		3
Additional General Education Course		3
Electives		9
Hours		15

Spring Semester

DHD 401	Disability, Human Development and Community Participation	3
Additional General Education Course		3
Electives		9
Hours		15

Fourth Year**Fall Semester**

DHD Elective		3
DHD 300-Level Core		3
Electives		9
Hours		15

Spring Semester

DHD 400	Disability and Human Development Capstone	1
Electives		13
Hours		14
Total Hours		120

a Satisfies the Understanding U.S. Society General Education requirement.

b Satisfies the Understanding the Creative Arts General Education requirement.