# GENERAL STUDIES COURSE PROPOSAL COVER FORM

**Course information:**

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<td>School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies</td>
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**Course description:** Provides an introduction to key concepts, methods, questions and themes in the field of disability studies, including an overview of the focused, unequal treatment experienced by people with disabilities. There are economic, political, social and cultural factors that should be considered by a society which normally addresses disabled bodies through medical frameworks. Debates ethical questions concerning genetic testing, selective abortion and disability therapies. Discusses how social inequalities of class, race, nationality, sexuality and gender relate to the experiences of the disabled.

Is this a cross-listed course? No  
If yes, please identify course(s):

Is this a shared course? No  
If so, list all academic units offering this course:

Is this a permanent-numbered course with topics? No

If yes, each topic requires an individual submission, separate from other topics.

**Requested designation:** [C] Cultural Diversity in the United States  
**Mandatory Review:** No

**Eligibility:** Permanent numbered courses must have completed the university’s review and approval process. For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact Phyllis.Lucie@asu.edu.

**Submission deadlines dates are as follow:**
- For Fall 2021 Effective Date: October 2, 2020
- For Spring 2022 Effective Date: March 5, 2021

**Area proposed course will serve:**

A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study. It is the responsibility of the chair/director to ensure that all faculty teaching the course are aware of the General Studies designation(s) and adhere to the above guidelines.

**Checklists for general studies designations:**

Complete and attach the appropriate checklist
- Literacy and Critical Inquiry core courses (L)
- Mathematics core courses (MA)
- Computer/statistics/quantitative applications core courses (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design core courses (HU)
- Social-Behavioral Sciences core courses (SB)
- Natural Sciences core courses (SQ/SG)
- Cultural Diversity in the United States courses (C)
- Global Awareness courses (G)
- Historical Awareness courses (H)

**A complete proposal should include:**
- Signed course proposal cover form
- Criteria checklist for General Studies designation being requested
- Course catalog description
- Sample syllabus for the course
- Copy of table of contents from the textbook and list of required readings/books

**Proposals must be submitted electronically with all files compiled into one PDF.**

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**Department Chair/Director approval:** (Required)

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Chair/Director (Signature): [Signature]
Rationale and Objectives

The contemporary "culture" of the United States involves the complex interplay of many different cultures that exist side by side in various states of harmony and conflict. The history of the United States involves the experiences not only of different groups of European immigrants and their descendants but also of diverse groups, including, but not limited to, American Indians, Latinos, African Americans, and Asian Americans--all of whom played significant roles in the development of contemporary culture and together shape the future of the United States. At the same time, the recognition that gender, class, and religious differences cut across all distinctions of race and ethnicity offers an even richer variety of perspectives from which to view ourselves. Awareness of our cultural diversity and its multiple sources can illuminate our collective past, present, and future and can help us to achieve greater mutual understanding and respect.

The objective of the Cultural Diversity requirement is to promote awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity within the contemporary United States through the study of the cultural, social, or scientific contributions of women and minority groups, examination of their experiences in the U.S., or exploration of successful or unsuccessful interactions between and among cultural groups.

Revised April 2014
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

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*Gender groups would encompass categories such as the following: women, men, lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender individuals, etc. **Cultural, racial, ethnic, and/or linguistic minority groups in the U.S. would include categories such as the following: Latinos, African Americans, Native Americans/First Peoples, Asian Americans, Jewish Americans, Muslim Americans, members of the deaf community, etc.
Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

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Week 5: Feb. 9th and 11th – Theoretical Frameworks
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DST 101: Introduction to Disability Studies Syllabus
Arizona State University at the West Campus
School of Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies
Spring 2021 – Sync Course

Instructor: Nanette Schuster                             Virtual Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Email: Nanette.Schuster@asu.edu                         12:00AM – 1:30PM via Zoom link in Canvas
or by appointment

WHAT IS THIS COURSE?

The guiding question throughout this course will be: why and how have individuals with disabilities experienced unequal treatment?

Towards answering this question, Introduction to Disability Studies will provide an overview of the focused, unequal treatment experienced by people with disabilities. It will consider the economic, political, social, and cultural factors that should be considered by a society that normally addresses disabled bodies through medical frameworks. It also discusses how social inequalities of race, class, nationality, sexuality, and gender relate to the experiences of people with disabilities. This class will also engage ongoing debates surrounding the ethical questions of genetic testing, selective abortion, and disability therapies.

In addition to providing an overview of key concepts, questions, and themes in the field of disability studies, the course also introduces students to key theoretical frameworks and research methodologies. Students will become primary researchers in the field by conducting interviews and reflecting on these.

WHAT ARE THE COURSE TEXTS?

- Adams, Rachel, Benajmin Reiss, and David Serlin, ed. Keywords for Disability Studies. ISBN 9781479839520

  - A free version of this text is available through ASU Libraries. You may access it at this link: https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.ezproxy1.lib.asu.edu/lib/asslib-ebooks/detail.action?docID=4741427

- Additional readings, as assigned, will be available on Canvas

Please note that some of the readings and videos may be upsetting or disturbing. However, they all seek to help expand our understanding of disability and are integral to the course. Please let me know if you have any concerns.
LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Distinguish and define key concepts in disability studies
2. Ascertain and explain the significance of disability as a form of difference, recognizing of power and discrimination
3. Understand the diversity of disability identity, experience and culture
4. Examine the life experiences of a person with disability

HOW WILL THE COURSE MEET THESE OBJECTIVES?

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TUTORIALS AND QUIZZES

SYLLABUS QUIZ

(10 points) Brief quiz that covers the syllabus, including course policies, procedures, and expectations. This quiz is open book/note and allows for multiple attempts; students should retake until they earn a 100%. There is no time limit.

LIBRARY TUTORIALS AND QUIZZES

(5 x 5 = 25 points) Students will complete tutorials and accompanying quizzes to demonstrate understanding of key research ideas: academic honesty, plagiarism awareness, research questions, citation style guide, and citing sources. Students should retake the quizzes until they earn a 100%. There is no time limit.

WRITTEN AND CREATIVE PROJECTS

READING RESPONSES

(10 entries x 10 points = 100 points) You will complete weekly reading responses for ten weeks out of the fifteen-week semester. The weeks you choose to submit are entirely up to you; however, I do require that you submit a reading response during weeks two, three, and four of the semester. After that, you may pick and choose the weeks you wish to submit the remaining eight responses.

The reading responses are multimodal, meaning you have the opportunity to submit in one of two ways:

- The first is a traditional written response: a one to two-page response (approx. 250 – 500 words) typed, double spaced in Times New Roman or Arial 11 or 12 pt. font. You will submit this as a doc, docx, or pdf to our Canvas assignment link.
- The second is a video response through the educational platform Flipgrid: a two to four minute video that can be done selfie style, podcast style, or some other format you prefer. You are never required to be visible in the video.

You may switch back and forth between written and video responses as you wish.

NARRATIVE

(10 points) Introduce yourself to me by writing a 250 - 500 word narrative that shares your interest in the class. Some key points you may want to include are:
• Why did you choose to take this class?
• What prompted your interest in disability studies?
• What do you hope to learn about disability studies?
• How do you plan to apply this class in your life, future studies, and/or future career?

As this is a narrative assignment, are encouraged to use first person and to make use of narrative elements / storytelling techniques.

ARTIFACT PRESENTATION
(10 points) Once during the semester, you will bring an object, text, or story related to disability to share with the class. For example, this may be an advertisement, newspaper headline or article, a public social media post, an observation, etc. You will have five minutes to discuss what the artifact is and the questions it raises for you regarding disability studies (or the questions that brought you to it). You will then pose one question to the class to about it to begin the discussion for the day.

INTERVIEW PROJECT
You will interview an individual who self-identifies as a person with a disability. Many of you know family members, friends, and colleagues who do, and you are more than welcome to interview them for this project.

This assignment is multi-fold:

• Interview proposal (10 points) This will identify your Research Question, the individual you will interview, and the purpose of the interview.
• Interview questions (10 points) You will brainstorm and draft fifteen plus questions that seek to help you understand the interview subject’s lived experience and help you towards answering your research question.
• Peer workshop of final project (10 points)
• Final project (50 points) This will include an introduction, the revised questions, a transcript of the interview, and a reflection of what you learned and how it helps answer your research question.

FINAL COURSE REFLECTION
(30 points) This assignment asks you to reflect on your learning across the semester in broad strokes. You will write a 500 to 1000 word reflection. This may be a thesis driven response, making a case for your acquired knowledge, or it may be structured as a narrative, telling a story of your learning.

IS THERE A FINAL EXAM?
There are no exams in the course. Rather, the final course reflection will demonstrate the student’s cumulative learning.

WHAT TOPICS MAY I WRITE ABOUT?

All writing in this class is self-directed, meaning that you have the opportunity to write about issues that matter to you. You will choose the focus of every assignment in this class. In doing so, please keep in mind the following advice. Part of becoming a successful writer is appreciating the ideas and criticisms of others, understanding the ongoing social dialogue from which our voices and ideas emerge, and learning to effectively communicate with a wide range of audiences. With that in mind, you will often be expected to share your writing in this course. Avoid writing about things that you may not be prepared to “make public” or that you feel so strongly about that you are unwilling to listen to perspectives other than your own. This does not mean that you are not entitled to an opinion. You are. Instead, this course encourages you to adopt positions responsibly by contemplating positions from several perspectives as
well as the possible effects on others. In all our discussions, peer reviews, and feedback we want to remain respectful of each other and one another’s life experiences. **If at any time you feel you have been disrespected in any way please see me or let me know immediately.**

**COURSE PREPARATION AND EXPECTATIONS**

**WHAT TIPS DO YOU HAVE FOR MY SUCCESS?**

- ATTEND CLASS punctually, prepared, and ready to participate EVERY meeting day
- Turn in all class work ON TIME (Hint: Start assignments EARLY)
- Check your ASU / Canvas email DAILY
- Check Canvas DAILY for course announcements and to review the calendar
- Communicate regularly with your instructor and writing group
- Visit your instructor’s VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS
- Utilize ASU RESOURCES such as the writing center, library, and counseling center

**WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?**

- A device to access Zoom – laptop or chromebook is recommended - for all students.
- A planner or calendar (digital or on paper).
- A desktop, laptop, or chromebook with internet access at your place of residence to complete writing assignments.

**WHAT SOFTWARE IS REQUIRED?**

- Internet access
- An ASUrite account and active ASU email address.
- A Web Browser
- Adobe Acrobat Reader:
  - Windows
  - MAC
- Adobe Flash Player: Adobe Flash Player
- Google Suite
- Zoom

**NEED TECHNOLOGY?**

Check out a laptop or hotspot for free for the semester from ASU Library via this link: [https://lib.asu.edu/laptops-and-hotspots](https://lib.asu.edu/laptops-and-hotspots)  
**Please contact them ASAP as supplies are limited.**

**WHEN AND WHAT ARE YOUR OFFICE HOURS?**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**
**12:00 – 1:30PM**
via the Virtual Office Hours Zoom link in Canvas
You are welcome to stop by during my office hours! Please think of this as a time in which the conversations we begin in class can be extended; these hours provide you with an additional venue to address any questions or concerns you may have about the course, readings, or assignments. If these hours don’t work for you, please contact me to schedule an appointment. I look forward to seeing you there! 😊

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU?

The Canvas Inbox is the best way to contact me. Please adhere to email etiquette by including a greeting (exp. Dear Miss Schuster), a closing (exp. Thank you, Sam), a subject line (exp. DST 101 Reading Question, and edited, spell checked text that includes no text language.

Here is an example of an appropriate and complete email.

Subject: Absent Today
Dear Miss Schuster,
I am sick with the flu and will be absent from class today. I have already emailed a classmate to take notes for me. I hope to be back to class the next day. I have attached my doctor’s note for documentation.
Thank you,
Fred Jones

COURSE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WHAT ARE THE COURSE ATTENDANCE POLICIES?

1. You are expected to attend EVERY class meeting.
2. If you must miss class, it should only be due to extenuating circumstances.
3. If you miss a class session, you are required to make up the course work by the next regular class meeting. You can do so by watching the Zoom meeting recording AND making up any writing or in-class activities, submitting them via Canvas.
4. More than five unexcused absences may result in a failing grade.
5. Excused absences = those related to official ASU business, religious practice, or death of immediate family, documentation required for all for all of the above.
6. Arriving 15 minutes or more late will result in your being marked absent for the day; additionally, leaving the classroom for extended periods of time or leaving early will result in a tardy/absence for the day.
7. If absent, please email me to let me know; include documentation in the email such as a scanned doctor’s note, and include any assignments due that day.
8. Active Participation is expected of every student and means much more than just “showing up.” It entails an engaged attitude, evidenced in thoughtful comments, thought-provoking questions, careful note taking, arriving punctually and prepared, and maintaining a professional demeanor.
9. Professional demeanor is encouraged in the virtual and literal classroom. Inappropriate behaviors include but are not limited to:
   - Use of extracurricular technology, i.e. checking email, text messaging, etc.
   - Sleeping
   - Performing other class work
- Extracurricular conversations during class discussions or lectures

10. Students attending class in person MUST adhere to ASU’s Community of Care Guidelines.

Students who disrespect the learning environment will be asked to immediately desist and may be asked to leave class, resulting in their being marked tardy or absent for the day.

EVALUATION OF COURSEWORK

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FOR FORMAL WRITING ASSIGNMENTS (INTERVIEW FINAL PROJECT AND FINAL COURSE REFLECTION) LETTER GRADES ARE ASSIGNED AND THE FOLLOWING RUBRIC IS USED

GRADE EXPECTATIONS
A  Uniformly excellent work; well beyond that which is required. Creative and imaginative response or interpretation of the assignment.
B  Substantially good work; beyond the level of acceptable or satisfactory.
C  Work meets the minimum requirements and is entirely acceptable or satisfactory. Shows little creativity or initiative.
D  Below what is acceptable or satisfactory. Does not meet or only partially meets the requirements of the assignment.
E  Entirely unsatisfactory. Fails to meet all or the majority of the requirements of the assignment; plagiarized; not turned in; or turned in too late to be passing.

FOR INVENTION WORK (READING RESPONSES AND NARRATIVE)
Letter grades are not assigned. Students will be assessed according to the following: Meets requirements, Meets most requirements, Meets some requirements, or Not submitted

MAY I REVISE MY ASSIGNMENTS FOR A HIGHER GRADE?

Revisions: The Narrative and Interview Project may be revised for a higher grade. Student MUST follow the guidelines listed below:

- From the time the assignment is handed back to you, you have one week to review feedback; meet with peers, myself, and/or writing center staff; and to make substantial revisions (i.e. these revisions should go above and beyond the comments I provided).
- You are required to conference with me and/or the writing center during this time; if you visit the writing center, please ask them to stamp your draft.
• Revisions will not be accepted without the graded copy, conferenced draft, and margin notes on the revised copy indicating changes made. A cover memo detailing revisions made is also acceptable.
• Visits to the Writing Center for the purpose of essay revision for a higher grade are NOT eligible for extra credit.

Reading Responses may not be revised but students may submit more than the required 10, and the lowest grade will be dropped.

WHAT ARE THE COURSE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS, LATE WORK, AND COMPUTER ISSUES?

Submitting Assignments: Most assignments will be due at 11:59pm on Sundays. Assignments will be submitted digitally to Canvas or an outside app such as Flipgrid.

Please choose a style guide (MLA, APA, Chicago, or Turabian) and adhere to it.

Late Work: Unless special arrangements have been made with and agreed upon by the instructor prior to the due date, late work will receive a 10% deduction per day it is late. Peer Reviews and Reading Responses may NOT be submitted late.

Computer/Online Issues: Technology issues can occur. The internet goes down, USB drives are lost, computers crash, printers jam, etc. HOWEVER, technology excuses for late assignments/essays will not be accepted.

It is your responsibility to have backup plans. For your protection, I strongly suggest saving documents in multiple locations (hard drive, USB, ASU account, etc.). Keep these copies in a safe place until you have received your final grade.

Questions and problems concerning technology, computers, Canvas, Zoom, etc. should be directed to the University Technology Office

https://uto.asu.edu/services/campus-it-resources/techstudio

IS THERE EXTRA CREDIT AVAILABLE IN THIS COURSE?

Yes! Students may visit the writing center for extra credit. Schedule an appointment to work with a writing tutor on any DST 101 class assignment. You may do so up to five times throughout the semester. Five points extra credit will be added onto your assignment grade. A one paragraph reflection and proof of attendance are necessary to earn the extra credit. Virtual appointments are available!

WHAT IS THE COURSE POLICY ON PLAGIARISM?

Academic Integrity: ASU expects and requires all students to act with honesty and integrity, and respect the rights of others in carrying out all academic assignments. For more information on academic integrity, including the policy and appeal procedures, please visit http://provost.edu/academicintegrity and the Student Conduct Statement below.

A student having plagiarized another’s ideas, either knowingly or unknowingly, either in part or in full, will face severe penalties. Students are responsible for knowing and observing the ASU Student Life Academic Integrity Code.

Note: Students who plagiarize - whether intentionally or inadvertently - part or all of an assignment
will receive a grade of zero on the assignment.

**DETAILED GRADE BREAKDOWN:**
Percentages are estimates

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**Quizzes and Tutorials**
- Syllabus Quiz: 10 points (3%)
- Library Tutorials and Quizzes: 5 x 5 points = 25 points (8%)

**Written and Creative Projects**
- Reading Responses: 10 x 10 points = 100 points (33%)
- Narrative: 10 points (3%)
- Interview Project: 80 points total (23%)
- Final Course Reflection: 30 points (10%)
- Artifact Presentation: 10 points (3%)

**Course Total: 300 points**

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**CAMPUS RESOURCES AND OTHER INFORMATION**

**Cultivating a Community of Care**

ASU has announced community of care guidelines to help keep all students, faculty, and staff on campus safe and healthy during this pandemic. These guidelines include wearing masks and keeping six feet apart in the classroom. However, in our classroom (virtual and in-person), I would like to extend the community of care into a permanent mentality we hold for one another. 2020 has been a difficult year for so many, as much of society as been impacted in regards to health, finance, housing and food, racism, and general social unrest. My goal is to create a community of care where we provide grace to one another during this time as we navigate a new system of learning during the pandemic. Additionally, if you find yourself in need of basic necessities or if you or your family are diagnosed with COVID-19, please reach out to me, I can help place you in touch with an advocate from the Dean of Student's office who can help make sure that you have your needs met.

**Creating an Accessible Campus, Classroom, and Learning Experience:** Please let me know how I can make our classroom fully accessible for you. I am happy to conference privately with you on what practices will best enhance your learning; please stop by my office hours or schedule an appointment to do so. In compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, professional disability specialists and support staff at the Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services (formerly DRC) facilitate a comprehensive range of academic support services and accommodations for qualified students with visible and invisible disabilities (including physical, emotional, learning, and medical). Students wishing to request an accommodation for a disability should contact the Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services Office for their campus:

- **West Campus Location:** University Center Building Room 304
- **Phone:** 480-965-1234
- **TTY:** 480-965-9000
- **Email:** DRC@asu.edu
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COURSE CALENDAR
Module 1: Overview of Disability Studies

Week 1: Jan 12th and 14th – Course Introduction; What is Disability Studies; Syllabus; ASU Sync; Technology Overviews; and Writing Center


Due Jan. 17th: Syllabus Quiz, Academic Integrity Quiz, Plagiarism Awareness Quiz, Narrative, and the following readings to be discussed next week:

- Course Syllabus

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Week 2: Jan. 19th and 21st – What is Disability Studies? Part 2; Critical Reading and Annotation
Due Jan. 24th: Style Guide (MLA or APA) Quiz, Citing Sources Quiz, Reading Response 1, and the following readings to be discussed next week:

- Burch, Susan and Kim E. Nielsen. "History." from *Keywords for Disability Studies*, p. 95-98 [Link](https://books.google.com/books?id=XFxACQAAQBAJ&lpg=PP1&pg=PA95#v=onepage&q&f=false)
- Optional: [Link](https://www.nps.gov/articles/series.htm?id=88713887-1DD8-B71B-0B40487E6097176E)

Week 3: Jan. 26th and 28th – Historical Perspective of Disability; Critical Reading and Annotation; Reflective Writing

Due Jan. 31st: Research Question Quiz, Reading Response 2, and the following readings to be discussed next week:

- Williamson, Bess. "Access." from *Keywords for Disability Studies*, p. 14-17
- Optional: [Link](https://www.nps.gov/articles/series.htm?id=88713887-1DD8-B71B-0B40487E6097176E)

Week 4: Feb. 2nd and 4th – Disability Law and Policy; Guest Speaker on Disability Advocacy in K-12 (Haran Phaneuf), Date TBD; Introduce Interview Project; Discuss Research Questions

Extra Credit Opportunity: Friday February 5th – 2pm, “Dehumanization Matters” lecture by David Livingstone Smith, [Link](https://asu.zoom.us/j/9794135014)

Due Feb. 7th: Reading Response 3, Research Question, and the following readings to be discussed next week:
• DasGupta, Sayantani. "Medicalization." from *Keywords for Disability Studies*, p.120-121
• Wilkerson, Abby. "Embodiment." from *Keywords for Disability Studies*, p. 67 - 70

**Week 5: Feb. 9th and 11th – Theoretical Frameworks; Primary Research**

**Extra Credit Opportunity: Wednesday February 10th 3 – 4pm, “ADA Accommodations in the Workplace,” Registration Required:**

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**Extra Credit Opportunity: Wednesday February 10th 3 – 4pm, “Design Thinking Methods for Building Empathy”**

**Due Feb. 14th:** Submit Interview Proposal and the following readings to be discussed next week:


**Module 2: Identity and Difference ** Reading Responses are no longer due weekly; you may choose which weeks to submit the remaining seven reading responses**

**Week 6: Feb. 16th and 18th – Identity, Difference, and Representation; Discuss Interview Preparation**

**Due Feb. 21st:** Interview Questions and the following readings to be discussed next week:

• Love, Heather. “Stigma.” from *Keywords for Disability Studies*, p.173 – 176. [https://books.google.com/books?id=XFxACQAAAQBAJ&amp;lpg=PP1&amp;pg=PA173#v=onepagee&amp;q&amp;f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=XFxACQAAAQBAJ&amp;lpg=PP1&amp;pg=PA173#v=onepagee&amp;q&amp;f=false) *(Links to an external site.)*

Week 7: Feb. 23rd and 25th – Stigma and Illness

Due Feb. 28th: The following readings to be discussed next week:

• Couser, Thomas. “Illness.” from Keywords for Disability Studies, 105 – 107.

Week 8: March 2nd and 4th – Stigma and Illness; Guest Speaker on Chronic Illness Advocacy (Carmen Cutler), Date TBD

Due March 7th: The following readings to be discussed next week:

• Kittay, Eva Feder. "The Personal is Philosophical is Political: A Philosopher and Mother of a Cognitively Disabled Person Sends Notes from the Battlefield." from Metaphilosophy vol. 40 issue 3/4, p. 606-627 https://www-jstor-org.ezproxy1.lib.asu.edu/stable/pdf/24439804.pdf?ab_segments=0%252Fbasic_search_SYC-5455%252Fcontrol&refreqid=excelsior%3A4590488b51dd0eeaf3ee93b0dc15d7e5 (Links to an external site.)

Week 9: March 9th and 11th – Identity and Mental Disability; What is Peer Workshop?

Extra Credit Opportunity: Wednesday March 10th 3 – 4pm, “Why Can’t We All Get Along? Intergroup Relations, Social Influences, and Social Networks in Education”

Extra Credit Opportunity: Friday March 12th 1 – 2pm, “Bosnian Genocide: Resilience and Recovery” lecture given by Esad Boskailo, MD, asu.zoom.us/j/9794135014

Due March 14th: Interview Project Rough Drafts and the following readings to be discussed next week:

• Gilman, Sander L. "Madness." From Keywords for Disability Studies, p. 114-119.
• Carlson, Licia. "Institutions." From *Keywords for Disability Studies*, p. 109-112.
• Lewis, Bradley. "A Mad Fight: Psychiatry and Disability Activism." from *The Disability Studies Reader*, p. 102-118. [Links to an external site.]
• Leduc, Meg. "Running After Her." from *Brevity*, volume 65. [Links to an external site.]

**Week 10: March 16th and 18th – Madness:** Peer Workshop Rough Drafts

*Due March 21st: Final Draft of Interview Project and the following readings to be discussed next week:*

• “Marlee Matlin on Cochlear Implants and Deaf Culture” [Links to an external site.]
• Kolvacs-Houlihan, Manika. “Deaf Ideology.” TEDx Talk at UW Milwaukee. [Links to an external site.]
• “Vital Signs: Crip Culture Talks Back, Part 1” [Links to an external site.]
• Baynton, Douglas C. "Deafness" from *Keywords for Disability Studies*, p. 48 - 51
• Rodas, Julie Miele. "Identity" from *Keywords for Disability Studies*, p. 103 - 105 [Links to an external site.]

**Week 11: March 23rd and 25th – Disability Culture and Deaf Culture

*Due March 28th: The following readings to be discussed next week:*

• Bell, Chris. "Is Disability Studies Actually White Disability Studies?" from *The Disability Studies Reader*, p. 407 - 415 [Links to an external site.]
• Erevelles, Nirmala and Andrea Minear. "Unspeakable Offenses: Untangling Race and Disability in Discourses of Intersectionality" from *The Disability Studies Reader*, p. 382-394 [Links to an external site.]
• Brune, Jeffrey A. "Minority." from *Keywords for Disability Studies*, p. 122 - 124
• "Sandra Bland, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray: The Toll of Police Violence on Disabled Americans," from *The Guardian* [Links to an external site.]

*March 28th Course Withdrawal Deadline*

**Module 3: Intersectionalities and Ethical Questions

**Week 12: March 30th and April 1st – Disability and Race; Guest Speaker on Disability, Medicine, and Indigenous Populations (Ana Maldonado), Date TBD**
Due April 4th: The following readings to be discussed next week:

- Dean, Tim. "Queer." from Keywords for Disability Studies, p. 143 - 145
- Shildrick, Margrit. "Sex." from Keywords for Disability Studies, p. 164 - 166
- Kuusisto, Steve. "Selections from Planet of the Blind." from The Disability Studies Reader, p. 510 - 516

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Week 13: April 6th and 8th – Disability, Gender, and Sexuality; Introduce Final Course Reflection Assignment

Due April 11th: The following readings to be discussed next week:

- Garden, Rebecca. "Ethics." from Keywords for Disability Studies, p. 70 - 74
- Wasserman, David. "Genetics." from Keywords for Disability Studies, p. 92 - 94
- Brasswell, Harold. "Euthanasia." from Keywords for Disability Studies, p. 79 - 80
- Saxton, Martha. "Disability Rights and Selective Abortion." from The Disability Studies Reader, p. 73 - 86
- Berube, Michael "Disability, Democracy, and the New Genetics." from The Disability Studies Reader, p. 87 - 101

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Week 14: April 13th and 15th – Disability, Bioethics, and Technology

Due April 16th: Rough Draft Final Course Reflection and the following readings to be discussed next week:

- McBryde Johnson, Harriet. "Unspeakable Conversations." from The Disability Studies Reader, p. 494 - 506
- Weise, Jillian. "Biohack Manifesto." from The Disability Studies Reader, p. 519 - 521
- Jones, Charlie. "Down's Syndrome: In All Honest We Were Offered 15 Terminations" BBC News. 
- Mills, Mara. "Technology." From Keywords for Disability Studies, p. 176 – 179
- Cogdell, Christina. "Design." From Keywords for Disability Studies, p. 59 - 60
- Ott, Kathleen. “Prosthetics.” From Keywords for Disability Studies, p. 140 - 142

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