

DISABILITY STUDIES, MAJOR (0252)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0252

Previous Code: M1138.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Disability specialist expertise has become a growing area of demand in accordance with changing global policy and social service frameworks. Australia has followed these global trends, with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) as the largest area of social policy reform since Medicare. This major develops students' professional expertise, knowledge and skills to effectively adapt and apply international disability rights-based standards to their professional practice and respond to the competing demands of complex funding and service environments.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	Dr Amie Matthews (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/10832/)

Major Structure

Students must complete at least 30cp in subjects at level 3.

Students must complete the following compulsory subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Autumn session		
WELF 1012	Understanding Disability: Historical and Contemporary Frameworks	10
WELF 3023	Indigenous Disability and Inclusion	10
WELF 3021	Disability Rights, Policy and Governance	10
Spring session		
WELF 3022	Disability and Sexuality	10
Plus four subjects from the following pool		40
Autumn session		
HUMN 2027	Health, Illness and Biomedicine: A Sociological Perspective	
BEHV 2008	Mental Health in the Community	
Spring session		
HUMN 2025	Families and Intimate Life	
WELF 3011	Professional Practice in Aged Care and Disability	
CULT 1022	Working with Cultural Differences	

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Social Science (1807) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-international-studies-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Social Science (1667) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Social Science (Advanced) (1733) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-social-science-advanced/>)

Diploma in Social Science/Bachelor of Social Science (6023) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-social-science-bachelor-social-science/>)