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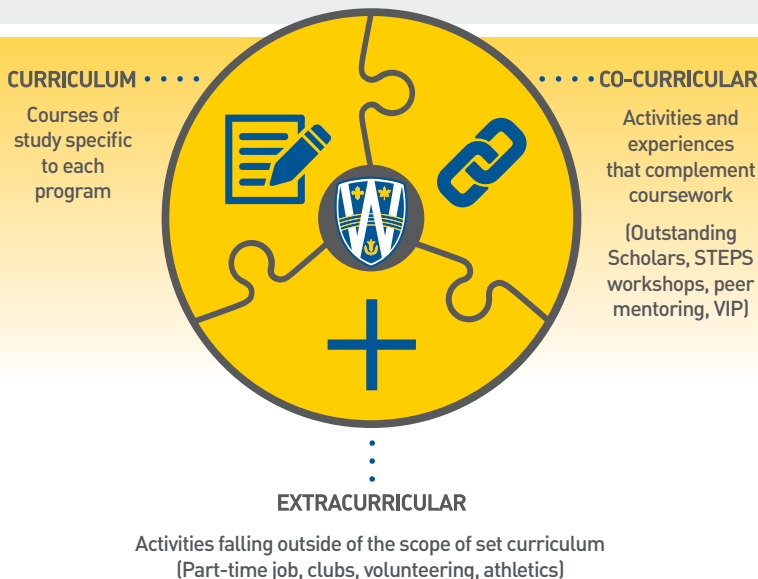
SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF DISABILITY STUDIES GRADUATES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Disability Studies** – Use the knowledge and experience-based practice we provide to become an advocate for social justice and accessibility for people with disabilities through such careers as individual, family and group practice; case management in service delivery; agency supervision; government administration and disability and accessibility policy analysis.
- **Social Work and Disability Studies** – This program combines training in both social work and disability studies to focus on social justice and the social model of disability.
- **Disability Studies and Psychology** – Benefit from training in both psychology and disability studies and a focus on psychological and social models of disability and real-world learning experiences. You'll gain the knowledge and experience-based practice to advocate for social justice, anti-oppressive needs and accessibility for people with disabilities

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Understanding, internalizing, communicating, and enacting best practices for making accommodations and modifications for persons with disabilities in real-world, context-sensitive situations
- Evaluating representations of persons with disabilities in literature and media
- Understanding psychological and social models of disability
- Developing inclusive lectures, presentations, and programs that target diverse demographics equitably while remaining sensitive to various cultural dynamics
- Assessing and appreciating the consequence of culturally constructed roles—and the perception of these roles—on individuals and broader social groups
- Critically investigating trends and phenomena in socio-cultural life and business in the context of ableism



BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

CAREER PLANNING GUIDE

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation. It is a fluid, dynamic, and continuous process, meaning you can move on or return to an earlier stage at any time. You can even work through simultaneous cycles, like one for your long-term dream job and another for a summer job.



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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is meant to help you explore various opportunities throughout the course of your UWindsor experience. It is intended to help you link academics, co-curricular, extra-curricular and career planning activities by suggesting some of the options available to you. This is to help you see what you can do, rather than what you are required to do!

Academics



First Year

- Take required courses including Social Justice in Action, Introduction to Psychology as a Behavioural Science, Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science, Meeting Human Needs Through Social Welfare and Meeting Human Needs Through Social Work
- Review degree course requirements
- Enrol in a variety of science and arts courses to expand knowledge and interests
- Meet with an academic advisor for academic counselling and advising
- Receive peer mentorship from members of the Disability Studies Student Association

Experience



- Look into practicum courses available in Disability Studies, Psychology and Social Work for fourth year*
- Apply for a co-curricular experience such as the Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)*
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the Outstanding Scholars program*
- Volunteer with a local non-profit or social justice organization
- Research student exchange opportunities for second or third year*
- Join your student association: Disability Studies Student Association, Social Work Student Association, Psychology Students' Association

Career



- Create a list of things that you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and your skills
- Meet with Career & Employment Services (CES) to develop a plan for your future years
- Consider taking an interest assessment to help you identify possible career paths
- Attend a CES workshop to learn how to find a summer or part-time job
- Become familiar with the mySuccess online job search tool
- Attend a CES resume and cover letter workshop to get your resumé critiqued

Middle Years

- Take required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Look into aiding professors with research on campus★
- Consider adding another major to obtain a Combined Honours Degree
- Seek out internships and courses that offer field experience★
- Begin looking into Graduate and Professional program options
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization

- Join a professional association in your field such as the Canadian Disability Studies Association
- Attend a Disability Studies Student Association event such as the annual gala
- Participate in the UWill Discover undergraduate research conference★
- Consider applying for student exchange★
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role in a club or society

- Research career fields and occupations
- Explore opportunities and meet employers through a job fair or employer information session
- Attend the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair to explore further educational opportunities
- Analyze the requirements for graduate or professional schools
- Make an appointment with Career & Employment Services to explore career options
- Create a LinkedIn profile and have it critiqued
- Take part in informational interviews through sources such as Ten Thousand Coffees

Final Year

- Complete all required courses to fulfill degree requirements
- Apply to graduate through MyUWindsor Portal
- Look into working with a faculty member on research or a Psychology thesis★
- Take a field placement, internship, or practicum course to optimize your senior experience★

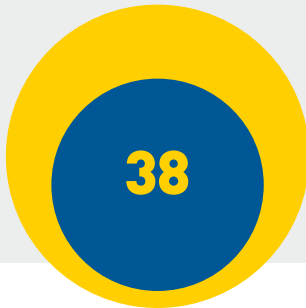
- Become a peer mentor for first-year Psychology, Disability Studies or Social Work students
- Volunteer with such organization as the Best Buddies UWindsor Chapter
- Become a tutor for Students Offering Support (SOS)
- Meet agency professionals through workshops or a Disability Studies, Psychology or Social Work guest speaker series

- Apply to graduate or professional school. Be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with Career & Employment Services to prepare such application documents as a resumé, cover letter, CV or personal statement
- Attend an Interview Skills Workshop and Job Search Tips Workshop
- Set up a mock interview for professional school or job applications
- Meet employers at the annual job fair in January
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience

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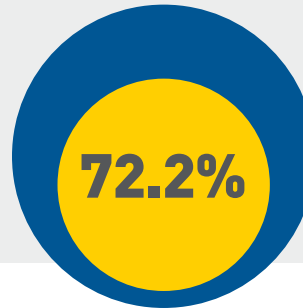
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

2016



Number of University of Windsor graduates from Disability Studies programs in 2016.

2013



Percentage of Canadian university social and behavioural sciences graduates who continued their studies post-bachelor degree. (National Graduates Study 2013)



COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR DISABILITY STUDIES GRADUATES

- Academia: Advanced disability studies research
- Business: Research and analysis, human resources, inclusivity and sensitivity policy development
- Community outreach and advocacy
- Education: Advising, counselling, corporate training
- Government: Disability and accessibility research and policy development
- Healthcare: Administration, counselling
- Social service and personal support work: Case management and service delivery

CAREER TRACKS*

Behavioural aide
Child and youth care worker
Communications specialist
Consultant
Disability support worker
Diversity co-ordinator
Educational assistant

Family counsellor
Group home worker
Health-care administrator
Human resources manager
Immigration officer
Industry instructor
Journalist

Lawyer
Marketing manager
Personal aide
Physical therapist
Physician
Policy analyst
Professor

Psychologist
Public official
Public policy analyst
Public relations officer
Research co-ordinator
Social worker
Teacher

* Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.

CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Using strategic and creative thinking to make decisions and evaluate solutions

- Interpreting information to efficiently and constructively support or challenge proposals, theories, ideas, and reports with a project's intended end goal in mind
- Critically analyzing problems, thinking creatively, and making appropriately reasoned decisions
- Learning, understanding, and interpreting information to apply knowledge to new situations



Professionalism and Work Ethic: Demonstrating personal management practices and a high level of integrity and ethical behaviour

- Identifying priorities and preferable courses of action to execute necessary tasks
- Managing time, data, and resources to meet deadlines
- Seeing issues from a variety of vantage points



Teamwork and Collaboration: Working as a productive member of a group and collaborating with others to achieve set goals

- Organizing and leading groups, facilitating change and understanding among group members
- Overseeing contributions to a project, determining outcomes, planning details, delegating, and completing tasks
- Working effectively in groups, engaging in decision making



Communication: Appropriate and effective articulation of ideas and information to a range of audiences

- Using appropriate, sensitive, and inclusive vocabulary
- Communicating effectively and efficiently in writing to convey the message of a broader piece of work
- Engaging diverse audiences



CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** on the main floor for help with academic assignments
- Improve study skills through the **Skills To Enhance Personal Success (STEPS)** program
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Explore mentorship opportunities through the **Connecting4Success (C4S)** and **Bounce Back** programs
- Apply to the **Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)** to get involved in the community
- Look into the **Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career & Employment Services**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services, Lancer Recreation** and the **Student Counselling Centre**

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