250.317 Disability in Society

Paper Number:
250.317

Paper Title:
Disability in Society.

Credit Value:
15 credits

Calendar Prescription:
This paper provides an in-depth exploration of the social and political context in which disability is created in contemporary society. Topics covered include models of disability, the disability industry, the disability rights movement, the body, cultural and media representations and the politics of disablement. This paper is intended for students from a wide variety of academic and professional backgrounds.

Pre and co requisites:
Prerequisites: Any 200 level paper.
Corequisites: None.

Semester:
Semester 1

Campus:
Manawatu

Mode:
Extramural

E-Learning Category:
E (Web Enhanced)

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Status of contact courses:
Strongly Recommended

Learning outcomes:
Students who successfully complete this paper should be able to:

- Provide an overview of the main themes and issues in disability studies
- Demonstrate an understanding of how disabled activists and academics have analysed, defined, and theorised disability
- Develop a comprehensive overview of the relationship between disabled people and the various spheres of which society is composed
- Show historical insight into the changing situation of people with disability in Aotearoa New Zealand and the growth of the disability rights movement in ANZ
- Demonstrate an understanding of the major social issues confronting disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand.
**Major topics:**
Demography; work; politics; welfare; community; culture.

**Assessment proportions:**
Internal assessment (2 assignments) 50%, examination 50%

**Description of assessment activities:**
Book review, 1,500 words, 15%.
Essay, 3,000 words, 35%
Final examination: 2 hours, 2 questions.

All grades received as part of the assessment for a paper will be subject to final moderation by the Chief Examiner (Head of School), and may be adjusted in accordance with the guidelines for the distribution of final grades approved by the College Board.

**Due Dates / Deadlines:**
Book review: 01 April, 2011
Essay: 13 May, 2011
Exam: 20 June, 2011 PM

Final examination dates can be found at [http://study.massey.ac.nz/search_paper.asp](http://study.massey.ac.nz/search_paper.asp)

**Penalties for late assignment submission:**
Late assignments will be docked marks in proportion to their lateness.

**Assignment turnaround:**
Three weeks.

**Any specific requirements for passing the paper:**
All course work must be submitted.

**Principal Textbook:**

**Recommended and additional reading**
You should make every effort to read at least some of the following texts.

Palmerston North: School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work – this provides a comprehensive background into disability in New Zealand. There are aspects of the book I do not like eg Beatson’s use of the term “the disabled”, but it is a very good resource for this course.

Charlton, J. (1998) *Nothing about Us Without Us: Disability Oppression and Empowerment.* Berkeley: University of California Press – this is another seminal text in which the growth of the disability rights movement in the developing world is examined from a broadly Marxist/materialist perspective.

Morris, J. (1991) *Pride Against Prejudice.* London: The Women’s Press – this is a classic text which should be read by all disability scholars in conjunction with Oliver (1990).


