

MA Disability Studies



Programme Overview

Disability Studies is a relatively new but rapidly growing academic discipline, as illustrated by the international proliferation of courses, events, networks, journals, book series, monographs, edited collections, and so on.

Though drawing on this progress substantially, the Disability Studies MA differs from similar programmes insofar as it places particular emphasis on cultural issues. We are not only interested in the policies, prejudices, and professions around disability but also its representation in literature, media, film, art and so on. Liverpool Hope University is particularly well suited as a host for this programme on many counts. Most obviously, and indeed most importantly, we have a wealth of specialist staff and resources. We have a number of experts in Disability Studies, award winning tutors, and internationally recognised scholars and researchers. What is more, the regional, national, and international profile of the programme is enhanced greatly by the Centre for Culture & Disability Studies—and, by extension, the Journal of Literary & Cultural Disability Studies, the Literary Disability Studies book series, the on-going seminar series, and the International Network of Literary & Cultural Disability Scholars—that is housed in the Faculty of Education, Liverpool Hope University.

Why choose Liverpool Hope?

The School of Social Sciences is a place and community which pays special attention to:

- supportive relationships for learning
- confident partnerships to promote learning
- innovation and inspiration in teaching

Every participant is valued for their contribution.

Key Information

Award: MA Disability Studies

Study Mode: Full-time; Part-time.

Duration: 12 months full-time; 27 months part-time.

Intake: October

Entry Criteria: A minimum of a Second-Class Honours degree in a relevant discipline awarded by a UK university, or an equivalent higher education qualification (other Professional qualifications may be considered).

Applications from students who do not hold a 1st or 2:1 Honours Degree (or equivalent) may be asked to demonstrate potential to achieve a Masters award via a sample of academic writing and interview before an offer is made.

For students whose first language is not English there is a language requirement of IELTS 6.5 overall (reading 6.0, writing 6.0).

Fees and Funding: For tuition fee information, please go to the Student Finance pages at www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/feesandfunding

School: Social Sciences.

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Disclaimer: Information is correct at time of print, however programme details can change.



Curriculum

In accordance with the University's Regulations/Guidelines on Master's qualifications, the MA Disability Studies consists of a 180 credits taught postgraduate programme. The programme offers exit awards at the Postgraduate Certificate stage (60 credits) and the Postgraduate Diploma stage (120 credits). The research phase leads to completion of a dissertation through independent study with individual research supervision. To achieve the full award (180 credits) students must take a range of taught modules up to the value of 120 credits and complete the 60 credit research phase.

The modules covered include:

- Critical Disability Theory
- Disability and Professional Practice
- Modelling Disability
- Disability and Disciplines
- Research Methods
- Dissertation.

Location and Facilities

Liverpool Hope's Library Service provides access to a wide ranging collection of physical and online resources to support learning and research. The service also provides different types of study space across both campuses to support the wide range of learning styles and needs, from individual study rooms to group spaces, and from silent study to more relaxed social learning.

Teaching and Research

The Disability Studies MA aligns with the Centre for Culture and Disability Studies, so please visit the website <http://ccds.hope.ac.uk/>. A feature of this programme is an emphasis on the generation and development of key skills fostered by the interdisciplinary study of Disability Studies at Master's level. Students will also be introduced to a framework for M-Level skills development.

Future Career Opportunities

Students completing the MA will be well placed to go on to a doctorate (EdD or PhD) at Liverpool Hope or elsewhere. Beyond the academy disability studies is relevant to many careers. "Some industries seem to do better during uncertain times than others," states the Open University's website, and the "number of people likely to need access to care services is predicted to double over the next 25 years." This fact only reflects a tiny aspect of the rich reality of disability but nonetheless invokes the truism at the heart of Disability Studies, that if we live long enough we all become disabled. As we are living increasingly long lives the need for a profound appreciation of disability is becoming increasingly great.



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