Bachelor of Professional Studies Major in Professional Studies  
Concentration: Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Services  
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**Description of Program:**
Advising guidelines for the Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.) degree with a concentration in Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Services are designed for students seeking to be academically and professionally grounded in issues faced by individuals seeking disability services. Students will also be exposed to the theme of employment – including vocational adjustment and appropriate job placement – and independent living outcomes as reaffirmed in the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992. Rehabilitation depends heavily upon communication between both the consumer and professional and among various professionals; consequently, communication will be stressed, as well as an understanding of the potential influence of cultural diversity and individual lifestyle choices. Courses will also enable students to understand the methods used in disability services to solve consumer problems and utilize available resources. Finally, a well-supervised field experience component will provide students the opportunity to integrate classroom principles and develop entry-level skills in a work setting.

**UMdegree**
Use UMdegree to access information regarding your current academic pursuits, including Degree Requirements, General Education Requirements, Major / Concentration Requirements, and Minor Requirements. This tool reflects all changes to a student's academic record, and is used in determining whether or not a student has successfully completed all graduation requirements.  
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**Program Summary**

| I. General Education | 35 - 41 hours |
| II. Coordinated Study | 58 hours |
| III. University College Requirements | 9 hours |
| IV. General Electives | 12-18 hours |

Minimum Required for Graduation: 120 hours*  
*Students must complete at least 60 hours from a 4 year institution.  
*Students must complete at least 42 hours of upper-division credit (3000 or 4000-level).  
*Students must complete at least 30 of the last 60 hours through the University of Memphis.  
*Students must complete at least 9 graded hours in the major at the University of Memphis.
I. General Education (35-41 hours)

Students must complete the 35-41 hours of general education requirements as outlined in the attached general education grid. Please refer to the General Education website at [http://www.memphis.edu/ugcatalog/graduation/gened.ph](http://www.memphis.edu/ugcatalog/graduation/gened.ph) for specific requirements. Students with majors in University College are exempt from the History general education requirements if they completed one year of History in high school.

II. Coordinated Study (58 hours)

Many upper-division (3000/4000-level) courses have prerequisites that must be met prior to being permitted to register for those courses. You are responsible for knowing and satisfying all course prerequisites. For specific information about courses and the prerequisites they may have, please view course descriptions at: [http://www.memphis.edu/ugcatalog/coursedescrip/index.php](http://www.memphis.edu/ugcatalog/coursedescrip/index.php). Some (not all) prerequisites are listed below.

Many courses also require permits from the department that teaches the course. For example, SWRK and CJUS courses will always need permits from those respective departments. University College staff cannot issue permits for courses taught in other departments. ALL 3000/4000 level classes taught by the College of Business (ACCT, ECON, FIR, MGMT, MKTG) require a permit; students must request a permit online at: [https://fcbeacad.memphis.edu/ugad/permits/](https://fcbeacad.memphis.edu/ugad/permits/)

**Professional Core: 19 hours (take all)**

- COUN 4901 Principles and Techniques of Rehabilitation Counseling (3)
- COUN 4913 Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Rehabilitation (3)
- COUN 4921 Vocational Development & Occupational Information (3)
- SWRK 3902 Human Behavior & Social Environment (3)
- SWRK 3903 Social Work Practice I (4)

Choose One:

- SWRK 2010 Social Work Profession and Practice (3)
- SWRK 2911 Social Response to Human Need (3)

**Statistics/Research Methods: 3 hours (take 1)**

- PSYC 3010 Research and Statistics I (4)
- SOCI 3311 Social Statistics (3)
- SOCI 3322 Methods of Social Research (3)

**Rehabilitation Delivery: 12 hours (take any 4)**

- COUN 4611 Introduction to Counseling (3)
- COUN 4781 Strategies for Crisis Intervention (3)
- COUN 4783 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (3)
- PADM 4207 Health Politics and Policy (3)
- PETE 3308 Exceptional Learners in Physical Education (3)
- PSYC 3512 Health Psychology (3)
- SLS 3905 Leisure/Recreation for People with Disabilities (3)
Management Services: 9 hours (take any 3)

ACCT 2010  Fundamentals of Accounting I (3)
MGMT 3110  Organization and Management (3)
MGMT 3215  Management of Human Resources (3)
PADM 3601  Public Administration (3)
PADM 4226  Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations (3)
PADM 4227  Issues in Nonprofit Administration (3)

Communications: 6 hours

Professional Communications (take 1)

MGMT 3510  Business Communications (3)
ENGL 3601  Technical & Professional Writing (3)
ENGL 3604  Persuasive Writing (3)
COMM 4011  Communications in Organizations (3)

Interpersonal Communications (take 1)

COMM 4012  Health Communications (3)
COMM 4373  Interracial Communications (3)
COMM 4375  Intercultural Communications (3)
COUN 4621  Human Interactions (3)

Development and Aging (take any 2)

EDPR 2111  Development Across the Life Span (3)
HMSE 4305  Problems in Human Movement Sciences & Education (3)
LEAD 3350  The Adult Learner (3)
SOCI 3112  Contemporary Social Problems (3)
SOCI 4541  Sociology of Aging (3)
SOCI 4851  Medical Sociology (3)
SOCI 4852  Sociology of Mental Illness (3)
SOCI 4923  Social Institutions and the Life Cycle (3)
UNIV 4527  The Developing Adult (3)

Internships (3 hours)

UNIV 4110  Internship (3)

III. University College Requirements (9 hours)

Group A. Thematic Studies (6 hours)

Students complete a total of 6 credit hours in a University College thematic studies course(s) of their choosing. These courses are designed to broaden a student’s knowledge of significant themes in social, political, and religious history. Only specifically designated courses will meet this requirement. Students can complete one 6 credit hour class or two 3 credit hour courses. For a complete list of courses: http://www.memphis.edu/univcoll/resources/thematic_studies.php
Group B. Senior Project (3 hours)

The senior project is a student’s culminating experience or capstone designed to synthesize and integrate the content of a student’s program of study. The senior project is intended to fuse the two or more academic areas that comprise the student’s coordinated study (major) into an academically-relevant example of scholarship. Students will complete a thesis, task-based, or artistic project on a topic of their choice with approval of their senior project instructor. The senior project is completed during a student’s final semester. Consult with your advisor for more information about the senior project. ALL sections of UNIV 4995 are taught online. Students will be assigned to a specific section based on the topic they select.

IV. General Electives (12-18 hours)

Students must take enough electives hours to earn a minimum of 120 semester hours.

- 60 of these hours must be taken at a 4-year institution
- A minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours must be completed at the University of Memphis.
- A minimum of 42 upper division hours are required (3000 – 4000 level courses)
- A minimum of 9 graded hours in the major must be completed at the University of Memphis

UNIV 3900 Experiential Learning Credit may be granted credit for college level knowledge and understanding related to the student’s major area of study and gained from work experience, life experience, or non-college instruction. The student who wants an assessment of such learning prepares a portfolio that describes and documents the learning. Portfolios are assessed by faculty who teach in that area.

Assessment by portfolio is reserved for knowledge and competencies which do not readily fit into the credit by examination procedures described above. More detailed information about procedures may be obtained from the individual colleges. For fee information, see Fees and Charges.
### 1. General Education Requirements (35-41 hours)

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Questions about transfer-credit equivalencies should be directed to the University College advisors.

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Need to complete ALEKS assessment? Yes ________ No ________
Completed: Yes ________ No ________
MPL score: ____________

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II. **Coordinated Study (58 hours)** A minimum grade of “C-” is required in each course and an overall GPA of 2.25 is required in the major. An overall and U of M GPA’s of 2.00 are also required.

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Statistical & Research Methods: (3 hours) take 1
- PSYC 3010, SOCI 3311, SOCI 3322

Rehabilitation Delivery: (12 hours) take any 4
- COUN 4611, COUN 4781, COUN 4783, PADM 4207, PETE 3308, PSYC 3512, SLS 3905

Management Services: (9 hours) take any 3
- ACCT 2010, MGMT 3110, MGMT 3215, PADM 3601, PADM 4226, PADM 4227

Communications: (6 hours) take 1 from each
1. Professional: MGMT 3510, ENGL 3601, ENGL 3604, COMM 4011
2. Interpersonal: COMM 4012, COMM 4373, COMM 4375, COMM 4621

Development & Aging: (6 hours) take any 2
- EDPR 2111, HMSE 4305, LEAD 3350 SOCI 3112, SOCI 4541, SOCI 4851, SOCI 4852, SOCI 4923, UNIV 4527

Group G. Internship: 3 hours
- UNIV 4110

III. **University College Requirements (9 hours)**
Thematic Studies (6 hours)

Senior Project (3 hours)
- UNIV 4995

IV. **General Electives (12-18 hours)**