



**L-Università
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Master of Arts in Disability Studies (Preparatory Programme)

Course overview:

The Master of Arts in Disability Studies (Preparatory Programme) is offered at both the University of Malta and the University of Malta – Gozo Campus.

This preparatory programme is for health and social care professionals in possession of a Diploma qualification and is intended to enable you to obtain the necessary credentials that would make you eligible to enrol on the MA in Disability Studies course in the future.

Disability Studies know their origins from within the Disabled People's Movement and has grown to become an interdisciplinary academic field in its own right. Along the years academics and researchers from various disciplines gave their contributions from different perspectives, namely, sociology, social policy, psychology, economics, law, communication studies, family studies, rehabilitation studies and many more.

Most of the applicants with a Diploma will tend to come from the Health and Social Care Professions and will bring with them a strong profile with respect to clinical experience. The preparatory program will therefore serve to offer you newer perspectives on contemporary issues related to research and other subjects on the MA Disability Studies course.

The programme is based on subjects that open you to new perspectives, moving you away from the medical model view of disability and preparing you for a more social model view of disability; away from subjects mainly focused on health care to subjects which are the foundations of disability studies, namely, sociology, social policy, psychology, philosophy, anthropology and the experiential aspect given by disabled persons and their families.