



DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION

EDSP 220 Disability in Community: Access, Accommodation, Adaptation

Spring 2015; Tuesdays 3-5PM (lab/off campus/distance) & Thursdays 2:20-3:40 PM & hours in arranged placements (times as designed, might include Sat mornings, evenings)

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Texts:

The Disability Studies Reader (4rd Edition) (Davis, Lennard J. (Ed), 2013) Routledge. (has to be the 4th edition, earlier editions are totally different). **ISBN-10:** 0415630517 **ISBN-13:** 978-0415630511

No Pity (Shapiro, 1994) Three Rivers Press. **ISBN-10:** 0812924126 | **ISBN-13:** 978-0812924121,

To the Left of Inspiration: Adventures of Living with Disabilities (Schnieder, Katherine, 2006) Dog Ear Publishing, LLC **ISBN-10:** 1598581317 **ISBN-13:** 978-1598581317

Readings:

Sign up and follow Mary Ulrich's: <http://climbingeverymountain.com/the-race-toward-inclusion-do-you-see-it/>

or Cara Liebowitz blogs for the semester:

<http://thatcrazycrippledchick.blogspot.com/>



<http://bloboloblob.blogspot.com/2014/04/blogging-against-disablism-day-2014.html>

Additional readings will be posted on the course website [www.elms.umd.edu].

Course Description:

This course will examine the concept of disability in a variety of community settings. Drawing on classic and contemporary readings in psychology, sociology and special education, the course will couple conceptual and historical understanding of disability with first-hand service-learning experiences in the community. An overarching question posed by the course is how do communities respond to the needs and abilities of individuals who are considered disabled and how can organizations plan for such access? Students will develop a plan in several phases that encompasses principles of Universal Design for Living/Learning (UDL) to study and participate in community-based activities. During the course of the semester, students practice elements of UDL in advance of applying to a selected area of emphasis in education, employment, independent living, recreation, or transportation issues affecting those with disabilities across the age span in various advocacy or service organizations.

Learning activities begin with demonstration and modeling during the practice phase where students are introduced to history and principles of access and UDL. Students initial practice UDL planning in classroom and lab assignments and a group project. During this phase students will receive feedback on UDL planning from peers and professor. Final learning outcomes will include developing a broad perspective on ability, diversity, and human potential from an individual service-learning experience culminating with a final UDL plan presented in an original way (wiki, video, presentation) that demonstrates concepts from the social sciences and education applied to field experience.

Goal and Objectives:

This Scholarship In Practice course enables interested students with no prior experience in special education or disability studies to examine issues of access, adaptation and accommodation for individuals with disabilities in the community.

Following completion of the course, students will be able to:

Demonstrate an ability to select, critically evaluate, and apply relevant areas of scholarship by articulating historical trends in the community experience of individuals with disabilities through analysis and discussion of a peer-reviewed article or summary of a legal case regarding an area of disability or disability law. With this historical background, students will apply concepts of Universal Design for Living/Learning (UDL) to readings, case studies and community sites that deal with differences and disabilities.

Articulate the processes required to bring about a successful outcome from planning, modeling and preparing to critiquing, revising and perfecting..

Students will develop a UDL plan operationalizing principles of inclusion in three phases: first in response to given case studies, second in a group project, and finally in an individual project in conjunction with community service provider (see rubric). In each phase, drafts of the UDL plan will be revised based on peer and professor feedback.

Demonstrate an ability to critique existing applications of scholarship in order to learn from past successes and failures.

Students will read about stigma and approaches to disability that come from a medical/deficit model, separate housing and education, “out of sight, out of mind” approach. Through readings and classroom discussions, they will be able to critically enumerate problems with this perspective, notice its various manifestations, and the importance of developing habits of mind that have greater potential to impart high expectations and promote inclusion. This attitude will undergird their service-learning group and individual projects with individuals with disabilities, their families, or those who provide services and support in the community and further demonstrated in their development and presentation of the UDL plans.

Demonstrate an ability to collaborate in order to bring about a successful outcome:

Students will be part of a service-learning group to plan, carry out a class discussion using UDL principles. During this phase, students will contribute to their classmates’ understanding of a wide range of issues related to the experience of disability in the community, lead group discussions on the readings using UDL principles and give peer feedback on UDL plans. Collaboration and two-way interactions will be particularly important in the individual project under the supervision of community contact and professor.

Recognize how an application of scholarship affects or is affected by political, social, cultural, economic or ethical dimensions.

Students will study and experience first-hand how personal and societal biases accompanying human differences and potential that may affect access, funding, and perceptions of community, non-profit and governmental groups who work with or advocate for disabilities. The culminating UDL plan will convert into practice the principle that disability is not monolithic but an amalgam of different subgroups with varying needs and identities for whom access can be the result of thoughtful, but simple planning.

Effectively use skills to negotiate cross-cultural situations or conflicts. *Students will learn and apply communication skills that come from awareness of human likeness versus differences with direct contact that comes with the service-learning focus of the course.*

“There is something ironic in prejudice against the disabled and their families, because their plight might befall anybody. Straight men are unlikely to wake up gay one morning, and white children don't become black; but any of us could be disabled in an instant. People with disabilities make up the largest minority in America; they constitute 15 percent of the population, though only 15 percent of those were born with their disability and about a third are over sixty-five”

Andrew Solomon, *Far from the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity*

- Students will write an additional objective for this course:
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Assignments & Assessments

Grading

Points earned	Letter Grade
186-200 93%	A, A+
180-185 90%	A-
174-179 87%	B+
166-175 83%	B
160-165 80%	B-
154-159 77%	C+
146-155 73%	C
140-145 70%	C-
134-139 67%	D+
126-135 63%	D
120-125 60%	D-
0-119	F

NOTE: no extra credit, no rounding up points

Assignments

The assignments should be submitted via ELMs [www.elms.umd.edu]. At the instructor’s discretion, points will be deducted from assignments that are late or are improperly formatted. A scoring rubric included with the description of each assignment will let you know how points are assigned for each component of the assignment. Detailed information for each assignment can be found on the course website. Please place the UMD Honor Pledge on the bottom of each written assignment you submit: *I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination (or assignment).*

Introductory Journal Submission

Students submit an introductory journal statement. Write a brief (two-sentence) introduction of your experience with people with disabilities (if any), your definition of disability and why you are taking the class.

Assignments	Points
Intro Journal submission	2
Quiz 1	30
Quiz 2	6
Labs	50
Project proposal	10
Project reflection/presentation,UDL#3	30
Class discussion leading – UDL#2	20
Attendance & participation	10
Completion of CourseEvalUM	2
Final Exam	40
TOTAL POINTS	200

Quizzes

One quiz will cover history and the first part of the course (short answer) & one quiz will be on Disability Studies Reader chapters assigned (fill in, matching, vocabulary).

Labs, UDL #1

Each student will follow lab assignment directions (10 at 5 points each) which include UDL scavenger hunt, background research, case study (UDL #1),

reading reflections, peer feedback, movie reflections and service-learning ejournals. Labs will be due on lab days and will include individual meetings.

Group Problem Solving Project & Class Discussion Leadership, UDL #2-

In class assignment: On Our Own (OOO), local (in North College Park, <http://www.onourownpg.org/>) group for adults with disabilities an affiliate of state funded mental health consumer group. OOO (mission to promote self-advocacy and healing among people who have mental health challenges through peer support, personal growth, and community involvement) will come to class to present the organization and its needs. With consultation of OOO, students will work in groups of 4-5 to design and a project that will include meet OOO needs and present to class and provider.

Group assignment: will be to plan, receive feedback (using *SIP Presentation* rubric, see below), revise plan and lead a class discussion of a selected chapter from Disability Studies Reader (10 points) and individual accountability (10 points) following UDL/case study phase two rubric provided.

Service-Learning Project Proposal & Reflection, UDL #3- hours will vary by Service-Learning individual menu

For the individual service-learning project, students will focus on applying more facets of UDL through becoming involved in an organization that employs the tenets of access, accommodation and/or adaptation. Completing the project will involve: a) participation in the organization (on or off campus, hours can vary – see SL menu), b) background research and interview of change agent, c) development of a UDL plan for a target student/organization and d) development of a wiki page and a brief presentation to the class.

Menu item	Time	Involvement	UDL Plan	Interview	Presentation	Movie review	Research article summary
Direct group involvement	11-30 hours/semester	10 pts	10 pts	5 pts	5 pts		
Event	10 hours or 2 events	5 pts	10 pts	5 pts	5 pts	5 pts	
Virtual	Online/phone		10 pts	5 pts	5 pts	5 pts	5 pts
Individual contract	15 points negotiable		10 pts				

Examples of sites (from larger list)

Access: Washington Area Wheelchair Society, Sign Language Club (UMD), Fidos for Freedom
 Accommodation: KEEN, Allied Sports (Arundel HS), Child Development Clinic (UMD), America Reads/America Counts (UMD), En Camino (tutoring), Greenbelt Cares (tutoring)
 Advocacy - Bazelon Law Center, National Alliance To Advance Adolescent Health, On Our Own, Active Minds Club (UMD)

Participation and Course Evaluation

Students are expected to attend the lecture, presentation, and the discussion session regularly and be engaged in large group presentations and small group discussions. Students will be evaluated on: academic behavior and professional behaviors scored at midpoint and revised at final.

Participation in the evaluation of courses through CourseEvalUM is a responsibility as a student member of our academic community. Feedback is confidential and important to the improvement of teaching and learning at the University as well as to the tenure and promotion process. The on-line evaluation system is available during the last week or two of the semester at www.courseevalum.umd.edu. By completing all class evaluations each semester, you will have the privilege of accessing the summary reports for thousands of courses online at Testudo. Completing the course evaluation and providing evidence (screen shot) is worth 2 points.

Final Exam

An in-class online test will cover the big ideas from the course in short answer and creative formats. A take-home portion will include a UDL plan revision based on feedback and a longer essay.

Course Website: www.elms.umd.edu

We will use ELMS to communicate, disseminate information, submit and return all assignments. Students are encouraged to visit the course website at least twice each week for updates on class activities.

Schedule of Class Activities

Week/date	Topics	Readings (partial listing)	Assignments & Assessments
Week 1-1/29	Introduction; <i>What's</i> disability or normal? <i>So What?</i> Why does it matter; course map, UDL 2 groups Presentations by Community Partners Profiles of Pioneers	Get texts	Join orgsync.com
Week 2 2/3	Module 1: Access LAB 1 – Awareness Scavenger Hunt (accessPP) and individual meetings	UDL reading, <u>Criptique Reading</u>	Introductory journal submission
2/5	Access through Universal Design for living/learning		
Week 3 2/10	Lab 2 –case study	<u>To the Left of Inspiration</u>	UDL # 1- case study
2/12	Gaining Access – watch movie “Lives Worth Living” DR groups and work on individual SL proposal drafts in class, special visitor		Wiki reaction post First Look Fair (mall) “Kids for Cash” movie
Week 4 2/17	Lab 3 – No Pity	<u>No Pity</u> , Intro, chapters 1 & 4, GROUP-Read article assigned from <u>Disability Studies Reader</u> for later discussion leading	
2/19	UDL 2: Accommodation Education & Organizational change “at risk” and “second language”		SL Proposal Draft
Week 5 2/24	Lab 4 – DR chapter summary and background, meet with each group Individual SL check-in	<u>Disabilities Reader</u> : Chapter 1 and group chapter WP article on “helping charities”, “tutoring tools”	
2/26	History of Accommodation - Model discussion leading on DR chapter 1, Quiz review		
Week 6 3/3	Lab 5 - Phase 1/Lab 2&3 peer feedback	“Giving feedback” article on Canvas	
3/5	Quiz		Quiz
Week 7 3/10	Lab 6 – individual meetings/Group check in	Research on SL project	SL Proposal Final SL placements started
3/12	Accommodation in schools and group meetings – Families CLASS	Far from the Tree website	
3/17&3/19 Spring Break			

Week 8 3/24	Lab 6 –individual meetings/Group check in		Group DR checklist
3/26	Accommodation in the community, OOO – Do Good Project		
Week 9 3/31	Lab 7- Groups meet outside class, provide summary “quiz” for chapter		Hand in readings quiz
4/2	DSR Group Discussions	DSR – 2 chapters	DR readings quiz and midpoint participation points
Week 10 4/7	UDL 3 Adaptation- viewpoints and attitudes towards disability Lab 8 –		
4/9	DSR Group Discussions	DSR – 2 chapters	
Week 11 4/14	Lab 9 – peer feedback on Lab 8		
4/16	DSR Group Discussions	DSR – 2 chapters	
Week 12 4/21			
4/23	Prep for presentations/wiki workshop	Readings on Medical – “unlucky 7” and Cultural models	SL wiki/presentation drafts
Week 13 4/28	Lab 10- AFTER SL reflections		
4/30	Presentations on SL project Mini-lecture – changing attitudes in special education - inclusion	No Pity – chapters 2,5, epilogue	SL project presentations
Week 14 5/5	Possible SL presentations-		
5/7 5/8 FRIDAY	Presentations on SL project Mini-lecture-final review STUDENT SYMPOSIUM		SL project presentations SL project UDL plans
Week 15 5/12	Last class – in class final		



Final Exam



Part-in class and Part take-home

Academic Integrity

The University is one of a small number of universities with a student-administered [Code of Academic Integrity](#) and an [Honor Pledge](#). The Code prohibits students from cheating on exams, plagiarizing papers, submitting the same paper for credit in two courses without authorization,

buying papers, submitting fraudulent documents, and forging signatures. Please type the following statement at the end of each assignment you submit via the digital dropbox:

I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination (or assignment).

Compliance with the code is administered by the Student Honor Council, which strives to promote a “community of trust” on the College Park campus. Allegations of academic dishonesty should be reported directly to the Honor Council (314-8450) by any member of the academic community.

Accommodations

The University is legally obligated to provide appropriate accommodations for students with documented disabilities. In order to ascertain what accommodations may need to be provided, faculty should request that students with disabilities inform them of their needs at the beginning of the semester. The instructor should then consult with the Department Chair and Dr. Jo Ann Hutchinson at Disability Support Services (314-7682). She will make arrangements with the student to determine and implement appropriate academic accommodations.

Religious Observance

The University System of Maryland policy "Assignments and Attendance on Dates of Religious Observance" states that students should not be penalized in any way for participation in religious observances and that, whenever feasible, they be allowed to make up academic assignments that are missed due to such absences. However, the student must personally hand the instructor a written notification of the projected absence within two weeks of the start of the semester. The request should not include travel time.

University Closings

If the University is closed due to inclement weather, information about completing and/or rescheduling class activities will be posted on the course website.

Discussion Leading Scholarship in Practice Rubric

YOUR NAME: _____ DISCUSSION GROUP: _____

Goal – students' presentation is effective and discipline appropriate:

Unacceptable – purpose, relevance, and central point not evident, lack of understanding

Beginning - purpose, relevance, and central point implied, sources and style are novice

Proficient - purpose, relevance, and central point evident, sources and style are near professional

Advanced - purpose, relevance, and central point obvious, sources and style are professional

Identify UDL approaches:

Representation _____

Engagement _____

Expression _____

Write 1 compliment – _____

& 1 suggestion— _____

UDL Assignments
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Phase 1 – Lab 2 activity in response to To the Left of Inspiration, develop one entry for each UDL Principle. Revise based on feedback from peers through Elms (Lab 5)

Phase 2 –Develop 2 entries for each UDL principle and apply UDL in Group Discussion assignment

Phase 3 – For Service-Learning project, drafts as part of ejournal, students will develop a complete UDL plan that includes needs assessment, background, UDLs and reflection (following given format). Service-learning project assignments will be negotiated based on assignment menu (below) but UDL plan and Interview will be required (15 points) of each.

Final UDL assignment in 5 parts:

1. Background including: Group/organization mission, Description of setting and interactions, Description and interview of key change agent or participant
2. Principle I: Representation - how is message of group communicated, how could it reach more people, be in several different formats. If dealing with children, how can information be presented to them in a variety of ways?
3. Principle II. Expression - how do people participate? Can you suggest different modes of participation, are there any access issues?
4. Principle III. Engagement -why would people want to participate
5. How does this plan improve universal design for living, for learning or level the playing field for those with various disabilities? Think of at the organization level (in its mission) and at the individual level (reaching targeted individuals but also as participants and volunteers).

Quote UDL principles, guidelines and checkpoints by name and number from: <http://www.udlcenter.org/implementation/examples> , examples of ways to provide options of multiple means for each category – Representation, Expression, Engagement. For example, if your service-learning partner would like you to develop a video to use to explain or expand their mission, according to UDL checkpoint 1.2 (Representation-Offer Alternatives for auditory information) you can plan/provide captioning. UDL #3 format will be provided.

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Components	4 Exceeds Proficiency	3 Attains Proficiency	2 Approaches Proficiency	1 Attempts Proficiency
<p>Background Information</p> <p>6/ Points</p>	<p>The background of information develops all elements clearly and logically with a great deal of detail. Interview conducted, reported and integrated</p> <p>6</p>	<p>The background of information develops most elements clearly and logically with a great deal of detail. Interview conducted and integrated</p> <p>5-4</p>	<p>The background of information develops some elements clearly and logically with some deal of detail. Interview presented not integrated.</p> <p>3-2</p>	<p>The background of information , develops few elements clearly and logically with limited detail. No interview conducted.</p> <p>1-0</p>
<p>Universal Design for Learning (UDL)</p> <p>Representation</p> <p>3/ 3 Points</p>	<p>The UDL plan is has multiple means of representation including perception, language/symbols, and comprehension with appropriate reasoning/support and with ample detail.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of representation including perception, language/symbols, and comprehension with adequate reasoning/support and with sufficient detail.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of representation including perception, language/symbols, and comprehension with some support and detail.</p> <p>1</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of representation and includes little detail.</p> <p>0</p>

<p>Universal Design for Learning (UDL)</p> <p>Expression</p> <p>____/3 Points</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of expression including physical actions, skills/fluency, and executive functions with ample detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of expression including physical actions, skills/fluency, and executive functions with sufficient detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of expression including physical actions, skills/fluency, and executive functions with some detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of expression and includes with little detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>
<p>Components</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exceeds Proficiency</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attains Proficiency</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approaches Proficiency</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attempts Proficiency</p>
<p>Universal Design for Learning (UDL)</p> <p>Engagement</p> <p>____/ 3 Points</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of engagement including recruiting interest, sustaining effort/persistence, and self-regulation with ample detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of engagement including recruiting interest, sustaining effort/persistence, and self-regulation accurately with sufficient detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p>The UDL plan has multiple means of engagement including recruiting interest, sustaining effort/persistence, and self-regulation accurately with some detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1</p>	<p>The UDL plan has with multiple means of engagement with little detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>

<p>Mechanics</p> <p>Spelling</p> <p>Grammar</p> <p>General Organization</p> <p>Format</p> <p>___ / 3 Points</p>	<p>The UDL plan is modified without spelling, grammar, or organizational mistakes.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>The UDL plan is modified with few spelling, grammar, or organizational mistakes.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>The UDL plan is modified with several spelling, grammar, or organizational mistakes.</p> <p>1</p>	<p>The UDL plan is modified with many spelling, grammar, or organizational mistakes.</p> <p>0</p>
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Teacher(s): Dr. Fink, Dr. Leone

Time: Tues Lab 3-5, Thurs F2F 3-4

The Course Organizer

Student:

Course Dates: Spring 2014

This Course:



is about

Extending basic/introductory knowledge of special education into a wider interdisciplinary frame on exceptionality including direct experience with groups and individuals dealing with Disabilities. This course has applications to teaching, design, non-profit management through Extensive study and application of Universal Design for Learning/Living (UDL).

Course Questions:

1. What are the historical, political, social underpinnings of major initiatives regarding civil rights for people with disabilities?
2. What are the major components and applications of UDL in several contexts?
3. How do varying views of or bias towards disability affect programming, services, identities. How do organizations adapt?
4. What is "normal"? Who decides? What are the implications today and for future developments for groups and individuals that deal with disability.
5. How does an individual experience of disabilities support or debunk extremes of discrimination to "supercrip"?

SIP - repeated authentic application of professional skill - UDL plan

Content

1. understand big ideas

2. apply big ideas

3. understand and apply

Process

4. UDL #1

5. UDL #2

6. UDL #3

7. Misc

HOW:

1. Quiz

2. Labs (5 points each)

3. Final

4. Case study

5. Group leads discussion

6. proposal, project

7. participation

Value:

1. 30 points

2. 50 points

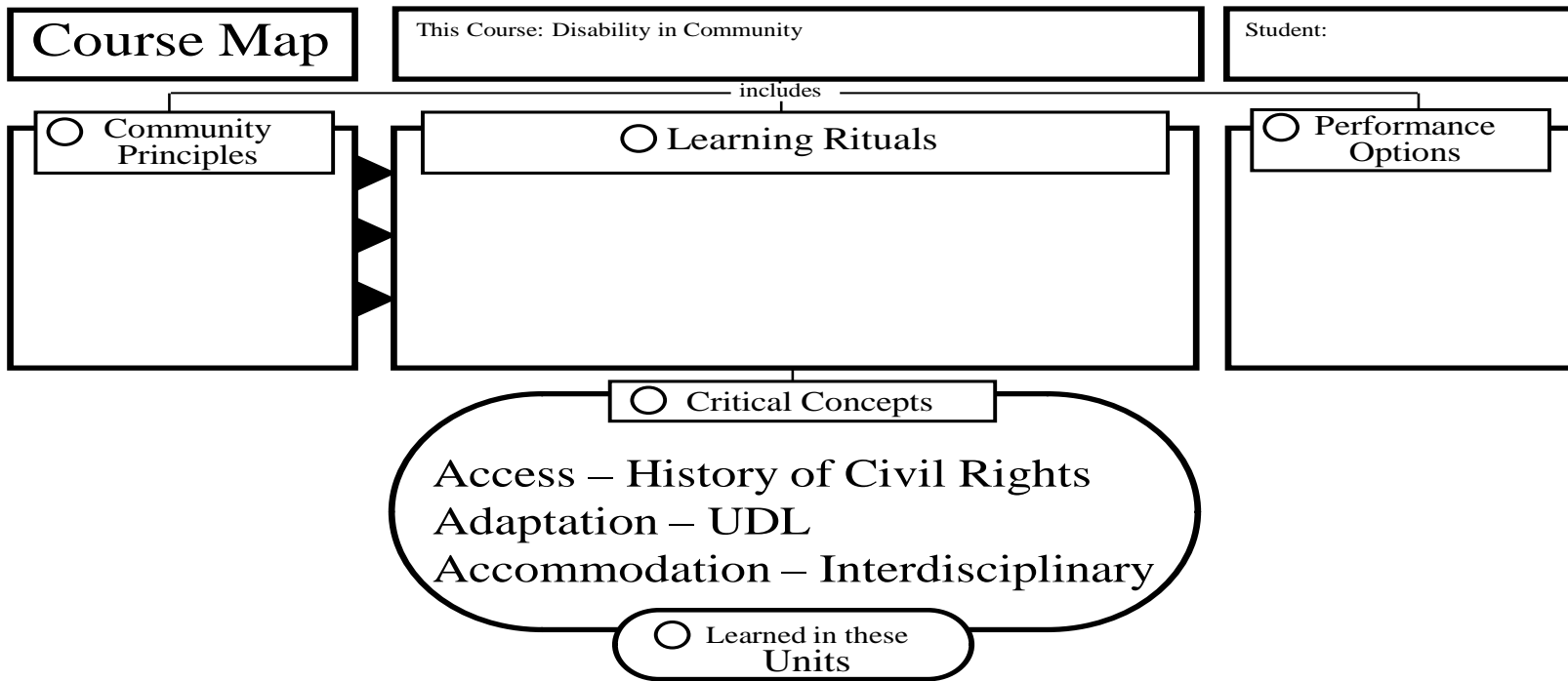
3. 40 points

4. 0 in class

5. 20 points

6. 10, 30

7. 20



Access and Overview

UDL basics

History of Disability - Stigma

Education and Sociology

Case studies, group and individual case studies