



## Board of Regents

University System of Ohio

John R. Kasich, Governor  
John Carey, Chancellor

### REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

#### UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

#### Bachelor of Arts in Disability Studies

**Request:**

University of Toledo requests approval to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Disability Studies.

**Background:**

University of Toledo is a public institution located in Toledo, Ohio. University of Toledo has an enrollment of more than 16,000 undergraduate and 4,600 graduate students in programs at the associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral levels. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accredits University of Toledo until its next review in 2022.

**Curriculum and Enrollment:**

The Bachelor of Arts in Disability Studies is designed as an interdisciplinary field of study focused on the contributions, experiences, history and culture of people with disabilities regionally, nationally and internationally. The proposed program builds on an existing minor, is interdisciplinary and will be administered by the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. The program was collaboratively developed with the Ability Center of Great Toledo. UT has established an endowed chair in disability studies. Disability Studies is an emerging field of study and was recognized by the Modern Language Association in 2005.

The curriculum provides foundational studies in culture and history that address definitions and models of disability as well as historical and sociological perspectives of disability. Students complete research methods courses and a capstone experience. University of Toledo anticipates an enrollment of 20 students after four years.

**Faculty and Resources:**

University of Toledo has sufficient resources to support the program. Faculty positions have been added and facilities renovated to support the proposed program.

**Recommendation:**

This program meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate degrees and approval is recommended.

End of Comment Period: November 18, 2014  
No comments received, recommend approval

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.

*Step M E for Stephanie Davidson* 11/20/14  
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Date

**APPROVAL**

*John Carey* 11/24/14  
John Carey, Chancellor Date

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