The Study of Human Rights

What are human rights? When and where did the idea of human rights emerge and how has it become globalized across many different societies and cultures? How and why have human rights been violated, both in the United States and abroad?

How have people struggled to claim and defend their human rights against tyrannical governments, exploitative multinational corporations, and oppressive religious authorities and with what success?

How do human rights protect your political freedoms and allow you to challenge economic, social, and cultural exclusion, and how can these protections be enhanced and made more effective?

These are the types of questions pursued in the interdisciplinary Human Rights Major.

In this major, students receive interdisciplinary instruction in theoretical, comparative, and historical perspectives on human rights through classroom courses and gain valuable practical experience in the human rights field through a supervised internship or senior thesis.

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STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A SECOND MAJOR

Requirements for the Human Rights Minor
The Human Rights major is an interdepartmental, interdisciplinary plan of study requiring a minimum of 15 credit hours at the 2000-level or above:

- 6 credits must be taken from the Core Courses. Three credits must be taken from either the Institutions and Laws category, or the History, Philosophy, and Theory category. Three credits must be taken from the Application and Methods category.

- 6 credits must be taken from Elective Courses. Students may choose from the list of electives or take additional core courses to fulfill this requirement.

- 3 credits are a Capstone Course involving a service learning/internship experience.

*Please note that more than six credits may not be taken in one department*

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Recommended Prerequisite
HRTS 1007: Introduction to Human Rights (CA 2; 4INT)

Core A: Institutions and Laws
ANTH/HRTS 3200(W): Propaganda, Disinformation, and Hate Speech (CA2)
HIST/HRTS 3202: International Human Rights
HRTS 3050: Approaches to Human Rights Advocacy
HRTS 3055: Theory and Practice of International Criminal Justice
HRTS 3200(W): International Human Rights Law (CA1D; 4INT)
HRTS 3420: Being International – Geopolitics and Human Rights
POL/HRTS 3212: Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights
POL/HRTS 3428: The Politics of Torture
SOCI/HRTS 3831: Human Rights in the United States
SOCI/HRTS 3837(W): Sociology of Global Human Rights

Core B: History, Philosophy, Theory
ANTH/HRTS 3326: Global Health and Human Rights
ANTH/LLAS/HRTS 3327: Power & Health in Latin America & the Caribbean
ECON 3126: Economic and Social Human Rights
ENGL/HRTS 3631: Literature, Culture, and Humanitarianism
HIST/HRTS 3201: The History of Human Rights
HIST/HRTS 3207: Genocide after the Second World War
HRTS 3232: States and Statelessness
HRTS 3260(W): Human Rights and Social Change (CA2; 4INT)
HRTS 3260: Introduction to Genocide Studies (CA2; 4INT)
HRTS 3460: Human Rights and Armed Conflict
HRTS 3710: Islam and Human Rights
POL/HRTS 3042: The Theory of Human Rights
PHIL/HRTS 3220(W):Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights (CA1D)

Core C: Applications and Methods
BADM/BLAW/HRTS 3252: Corporate Social Impact and Responsibility
BADM/BLAW/HRTS 3254: Business Solutions to Societal Challenges
DRAM/HRTS 3139: Theater and Human Rights
ENGR/HRTS 3257: Assessment for Human Rights Sustainability
HRTS 3149(W): Human Rights Through Film
HRTS 3260(W): Human Rights and New Technologies (CA 1D)
HRTS 3475: Economic Development and Human Rights
HRTS 3540: Topics in Human Rights Practice
POL/HRTS 3256(W): Politics & Human Rights in Global Supply Chains
SOCI/HRTS 3835(W): Refugee Camps and Humanitarianism

Elective Courses
AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 3505: White Racism (CA 4)
AFRA/HIST/HRTS 3563: African American History to 1865
AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 3825: African Americans & Social Protest
ANTH/HRTS 3028(W): Indigenous Rights and Aboriginal Australia (CA 4INT)
ANTH/HRTS 3150(W): Migration (CA 4INT)
ANTH/HRTS 3153(W): Human Rights in Democratizing Countries (CA 4INT)

ANTH/WGSS 3350: Anthropological Perspectives on Women

Art History
ANTH/HRTS 3575: Human Rights and Visual Culture

Asian American Studies
AAAS 2222/SOCIO 3222/HRTS 3573: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change
AAAS 3531/HRTS 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II (CA 1C; 4)

Dramatic Arts
HEJS/DRAM/HRTS 2203: The Holocaust in Print, Theater, and Film (CA 1A; 4INT)

Economics
ECON 2120: Rights and Harm
ECON 2126: Philosophy and Economics
ECON 2127: Beyond Self-interest
ECON 3473W: Economic Development
ECON 2445/HRTS/WGSS 3445: Economic Foundations of Gender Inequality

Education Curriculum and Instruction
EDCI 2100: Power, Privilege, and Public Education
EDCI 3100: Multicultural Education, Equity, and Social Justice

Engineering
ENGR/HRTS/POLS 3209: Sustainable Energy in the 21st Century
ENGL/HRTS 3619: Topics in Literature and Human Rights History
ENGL/HRTS 3629: Introduction to Holocaust Literature (CA 1B, 4INT)

Geography
GEOG 3240: Medical and Health Care Geography

Hebrew and Judaic Studies
HEJS/DRAM/HRTS 2203: The Holocaust in Print, Theater, and Film (CA 1A; 4INT)

Human Development and Family Services
HDFS 3251: Biotechnology, Disability and the Family

History
HIST 3100(W): Biography as History
HIST 3418: The Holocaust
HIST/AAAS 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II
HIST/WGSS 3562: History of Women & Gender in the United States, 1850 - Present

HIST/AFRA/HRTS 3563: African American History to 1865
HIST 3570: American Indian History (CA 4)
HIST 3575/LLAS 3221/HRTS 3221: Latino/as and Human Rights

Human Rights
HRTS 3293: Foreign Study
HRTS 3295: Special Topics
HRTS 3298: Variable Topics
HRTS 3299: Independent Study
*Any HRTS course numbered 2000 or above*

Latino and Latin American Studies
LLAS 3221/HRTS 3221/HIST 3575: Latino/as and Human Rights
LLAS 3271/POLS 3834: Immigration and Transborder Politics

Natural Resources and the Environment
NRE 2600E: Global Sustainable Natural Resources (CA 4INT; E Lit)

Philosophy
PHIL/HRTS 2170(W): Bioethics and Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective (CA 1D)
PHIL 2215(W): Ethics
PHIL 3218: Feminist Theory
PHIL/HRTS 3219(W): Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights

Political Science
POLIS/ENGR/HRTS 3209: Sustainable Energy in the 21st Century
POLIS 3211: Politics of Water (CA, 2)
POLS 3214: Comparative Social Policy
POLIS 3240E: Climate Justice
POLIS/WGSS 3249: Gender Politics and Islam
POLIS 3255: Politics of South Africa
POLIS/HRTS 3418(W): International Organizations and Law
POLIS 3672/WGSS 3052: Women and Politics
POLIS/HRTS 3807: Constitutional Rights and Liberties
POLIS 3834/LALS 3271: Immigration and Transborder Politics

Sociology
SOCI 3223/HRTS 3737: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change
SOCI/HRTS 3421(W): Class, Power, and Inequality
SOCI 2503(W): Prejudice and Discrimination
SOCI/HRTS/AFRA 3505: White Racism (CA 4)
SOCI/HRTS/AFRA 3825: African Americans and Social Protest
SOCI/HRTS 3833: Topics in Sociology and Human Rights

Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies
WGSS 2255 (W): Sexualities, Activism, and Globalization (CA 4INT)
WGSS/HRTS 2263: Women and Violence
WGSS 3052/POLS 3672: Women and Politics
WGSS 3105: The Politics of Reproduction
WGSS/POLS 3249: Gender Politics and Islam
WGSS 3257: Feminist Disability Studies
WGSS/ANTH 3350: Anthropological Perspectives on Women
WGSS/HIST 3562: History of Women & Gender in the United States

Capstone Courses
HRTS 4291: Service Learning/Internship
HRTS 4996(W): Senior Thesis

Courses which indicate specific content areas can be used to fulfill general education requirements.