Human Rights Major and Minor Degree Requirements

The Human Rights major is an interdepartmental, interdisciplinary plan of study requiring a minimum of 36 credit hours:

- 9 credits must be taken from the Core Courses, one course must be taken from each of the following categories: Institutions and Laws; History, Philosophy, and Theory; and Applications and Methods.
- 12 credits must be taken from the Elective Courses. Students may choose from the list of electives or take additional Core Courses to fulfill this requirement.
- 3 credits must be taken from the Capstone Courses. Students may complete either a service learning/internship experience or a senior thesis.
- 12 credit hours of Related Courses must be completed as approved by the Director of the Major.

All students must also take a W course in each of their majors to fulfill the university writing requirement.

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*

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.

Information about University of Connecticut human rights programs and human rights resources may be found online:

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Core A: Institutions and Laws

- HRTS 1007: Introduction to Human Rights (CA 2; 4INT)
- ANTH/HRTS 3230(W): Propaganda, Disinformation, & Hate Speech (CA 2)
- 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 (CA 1D, 4INT)
- POLS/HRTS 3212: Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights
- HRTS 3420: Being International – Geopolitics and Human Rights
- POLS/HRTS 3428: The Politics of Torture
- SOCI/HRTS 2800: Human Rights in the United States
- SOCI/HRTS 2843(W): Sociology of Global Human Rights

Core B: History, Philosophy, Theory

- ANTH/HRTS 3326: Global Health and Human Rights
- ANTH/LAS/HRTS 3327: Power & Health in Latin America & the Caribbean
- DMD/HRTS 3828: Social Documentary in Theory and Practice
- ENGR/HRTS 3200: Engineering for Human Rights
- ECON 3128: 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
- HIST/HRTS 3322: States and Statelessness
- HRTS/LAS 2450: Human Rights in Latin America
- POLS/HRTS 3042: The Theory of Human Rights
- PHL/HRTS 3220(W): Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights (CA 1D)
- HRTS 2100(W): Human Rights and Social Change (CA 2; 4INT)
- HRTS 2200: Introduction to Genocide Studies (CA 2; 4INT)
- HRTS 3460: Human Rights and Armed Conflict
- HRTS 3710: Islam and Human Rights

Core C: Applications and Methods

- BADM/BLAW/HRTS 3252: Corporate Social Impact and Responsibility
- BADM/BLAW/HRTS 3254: Business Solutions to Societal Challenges
- DMD/HRTS 3640: Human Rights Archives I
- DMD/HRTS 3641: Human Rights Archives II
- DRAM/HRTS 3139: Theater and Human Rights
- ENGR/HRTS 3257: Assessment for Human Rights Sustainability
- HRTS 3149(W): Human Rights Through Film
- HRTS 3250(W): Human Rights and New Technologies (CA 1D)
- HRTS 3401: Applied Research in Human Rights
- HRTS 3475: Economic Development and Human Rights
- HRTS 3540: Topics in Human Rights Practice
- POLS/HRTS 3256(W): Politics & Human Rights in Global Supply Chains
- SOCI/HRTS 3833(W): Refugee Camps and Humanitarianism

Elective Courses

## African Studies

- AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 2520: White Racism (CA 4)
- AFRA/HIST/HRTS 3563: African American History to 1865

## Asia and the Pacific

- HIST/AFRA/HRTS 3563: Indigenous Rights and Aboriginal Australia (CA 4INT)
- ANTH/HRTS 3150(W): Migration (CA 4)
- ANTH/HRTS 3153(W): Human Rights in Democratizing Countries (CA 4INT)
- ANTH/WGSS 3330: Anthropological Perspectives on Women

## Art History

- ARTH/HRTS 3575: Human Rights and Visual Culture

## Asian American Studies

- AAAS/SOCI/HRTS 2220: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change
- AAAS/HIST/HRTS 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II (CA 1C; 4INT)
- HEJS/DRAM/HRTS 2203: The Holocaust in Print, Theater, and Film (CA 1A; 4INT)

## Economics

- ECON 2120: Rights and Harms
- 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

- EDIC 2100: Power, Privilege, and Public Education
- EDIC 3100: Multicultural Education, Equity, and Social Justice

## Engineering

- ENGR/HRTS/POLS 3209: Sustainable Energy in the 21st Century

## English

- ENGL/HRTS 3619: Topics in Literature and Human Rights History
- ENGL 3629: Introduction to Holocaust Literature (CA 1B, 4INT)

## Geography

- GEOG 2400E: Introduction to Sustainable Cities
- 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)

## History

- HIST 3100(W): Biography as History
- HIST 3418: The Holocaust

## Human Development and Family Services

- HDFS 3251: Biotechnology, Disability, and the Family

## Human Rights

- *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)

## Nursing

- NURS 3225: Ethical Ways of Knowing

## Philosophy

- PHIL 2115(W): Ethics
- PHIL 3218: Feminist Theory
- PHIL/HRTS 2170(W): Bioethics and Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective (CA 1D)
- PHIL/HRTS 3219(W): Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights

## Political Science

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

## Sociology

- SOCI/HRTS/AAAS 2220: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change
- SOCI/HRTS 2830(W): Class, Power, and Inequality
- SOCI 2503(W): Prejudice and Discrimination
- SOCI/HRTS/AFRA 2520: White Racism (CA 4)
- SOCI/HRTS/AFRA 2530: African Americans and Social Protest
- SOCI/HRTS 289B: Topics in Sociology and Human Rights

## Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies

- WGSS 2255 (W): Sexualities, Activism, and Globalization (CA 4INT)
- WGSS 3105: The Politics of Reproduction
- WGSS 3257: Feminist Disability Studies
- WGSS 3267(W): Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements
- WGSS/ANTH 3350: Anthropological Perspectives on Women
- WGSS/HIST 3562: History of Women & Gender in the United States
- WGSS/HRTS 2263: Women and Violence
- WGSS 3052/POLS 3672: Women and Politics
- WGSS/POLS 3249: Gender Politics and Islam

## 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.