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

Core A: Institutions and Laws
ANTH/HRTS 3320(W): Propaganda, Disinformation, & 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, 4 INT)
POLIS/HRTS 3212: Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights
HRTS 3420: Being International – Geopolitics and Human Rights
POLIS/HRTS 3428: The Politics of Torture
SOCI/HRTS 2800: Human Rights in the United States
SOCI/HRTS 2845(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
DM/D/MDR 3828: Social Documentary in Theory and Practice
ENGR/HRTS 2300: Engineering for 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 3232: States and Statelessness
HIST/LAS 2450: Human Rights in Latin America
POLIS/HRTS 3042: The Theory of Human Rights
PHIL/HRTS 3220(W): Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights (CA1D)
HRTS 2100(W): Human Rights and Social Change (CA1D)
HRTS 2200: Introduction to Genocide Studies (CA2; 4 INT)
HRTS 3460: Human Rights and Armed Conflict
HRTS 3710: Islam and Human Rights

Core C: Applications and Methods
BLAW/MKTG/HRTS 3325: Corporate Social Responsibility and Accountability
BLAW/MKTG/HRTS 3324: Business Solutions to Societal Challenges
DM/D/MDR 3640: Human Rights Archives I
DM/D/MDR 3641: Human Rights Archives II
DRAM/HRTS 2150: Devising Theatre for Social Justice I
DRAM/HRTS 3139: Theater and Human Rights
ENGR/HRTS 3257: Assessment for Human Rights Sustainability
HRTS 3400: Ethics and Sustainability in New Financial Technologies
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 3450: Topics in Human Rights Practice
POLIS/HRTS 3256(W): Politics & Human Rights in Global Supply Chains
POLIS/HRTS 3430: Evaluating Human Rights Practices of Countries
SOCI/HRTS 3815(W): Refugee Camps and Humanitarianism

Effective Courses
Africana Studies
AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 2520: White Racism (CA 4)

AFRA/HRTS 3563: African American History to 1865
AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 2530: African Americans & Social Protest

Anthropology
ANTH/HRTS 3028(W): Indigenous Rights and Aboriginal Australia (CA 4 INT)
ANTH 3150(W): Migration (CA 4)
ANTH/HRTS 3153(W): Human Rights in Democrating Countries (CA4 INT)
ANTH/WGSS 3350: Anthropological Perspectives on Women

Art History
ARTH/HRTS 2210: Art & Activism
ARTH/HRTS 3575: Human Rights, Digital Media, Visual Culture

Asian American Studies
AAS/SOCI/HRTS 2220: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change
AAS/HRTS/HISTS 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II (CA 1C, 4)

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

Economics
ECON 2120: Rights and Harms
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 3629: Introduction to Holocaust Literature (CA 1B, 4 INT)

Geography
GEOG 2400E: Introduction to Sustainable Cities
GEOG 3240: Medical and Health Care Geography

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

Human Development and Family Services
HDHS 3211: Biotechnology, Disability and the Family

History
HIST 2456: Power and Resistance: History of Eastern Europe (CA 4 INT)
HIST 3100(W): Biography as History
HIST 3418: The Holocaust
HIST 3570: American Indian History (CA 4)
HIST 3575/LAS 3221/HRTS 3221: Latino/as and Human Rights
HIST/AAS 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II
HIST/WGSS 3562: History of Women & Gender in the United States, 1850 - Present

Human Rights
HIST/AFA/HRTS 3563: African American History to 1865

Any HRTS course numbered 2000 or above

Latino and Latin American Studies
LLAS 1221/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 4 INT, E Lit)

Nursing
NURS 3225: Ethical Ways of Knowing

Philosophy
PHIL 2215(W): Ethics
PHIL 2218: Feminist Theory
PHIL/HRTS 2170(W): Bioethics and Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective (CA 1D)

POLIS/HRTS 3219(W): Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights

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

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

Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies
WGSS 2255(W): Sexuality, Activism, and Globalization (CA 4 INT)
WGSS 3105: The Politics of Reproduction
WGSS 3257: Feminist Disability Studies
WGSS 3269(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.