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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 kinds of questions that are pursued in the interdisciplinary Human Rights Minor.

In this minor, 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.

Requirements for the Human Rights Minor

The Human Rights Minor is an interdepartmental, interdisciplinary plan of study requiring fifteen credits of course work at the 2000-level. Students take six credits from Core Courses in the minor (Group A); six credits from Electives (Group B) or Core Courses; and three credits of Internship (Group C). More than six credits may not be taken in one department.

Group C internships are with a human rights-related agency, organization, or group. Internship sites can be tailored to fit the individual student’s interests and goals. The internship enables students to enrich and assess what they have learned in the classroom through practical experience. The final grade for credits earned in Group C will be based on a 120 hour internship and participation in a seminar course in which students synthesize their internship experiences with knowledge gained in the course work taken to fulfill the requirements for the Human Rights Minor.

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Rights

Want more than just a minor in Human Rights? The University of Connecticut has a new major in Human Rights! The major consists of a minimum of 36 credit hours in human rights-related courses and a second major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Human Rights Institute

Information about University of Connecticut human rights programs and both on- and off-campus human rights resources may be found at http://www.humanrights.uconn.edu

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Recommended Prerequisite
HRTS 1007: Introduction to Human Rights

Group A: Core Courses
ENGL/HRTS 3631: Literature, Culture, and Humanitarianism
HIST/HRTS 3201: History of Human Rights
HIST/HRTS 3202: International Human Rights
HRTS 3149: Human Rights Through Film
POL/HRTS 3042: The Theory of 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: Sociology of Global Human Rights

Group B: Electives

Asian American Studies
AASI/SOCI 3221/HRTS 3571: Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women
AASI/SOCI 3222/HRTS 3573: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change
AASI/HIST 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II

Drama
DRAM/HRTS 3139: Theater and Human Rights

Economics
ECON 2126: Philosophy and Economics
ECON 2127: Beyond Self-interest
ECON 3473: Economic Development

English
ENGL/HRTS 3619: Topics in Literature and Human Rights
ENGL 3629: Holocaust Literature in English

History
HIST/HRTS 3207: Genocide after the Second World War
HIST/AASI 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II
HIST/WGSS 3562: History of Women and Gender in the United States, 1790-Present
HIST/AFAM/HRTS 3563: African American History to 1865
HIST 3570: American Indian History
HIST 3575/HRTS/PRLS 3221: Latinos/as and Human Rights

Human Rights
HRTS 3293: Foreign Study
HRTS 3295: Special Topics
HRTS 3298: Variable Topics
HRTS 3299: Independent Study

Puerto Rican & Latino Studies
PRLS/HRTS 3221/HIST 3575: Latinos/as and Human Rights

Philosophy
PHIL/HRTS 2170W: Bioethics and Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective
PHIL 2215: Ethics
PHIL 3218: Feminist Theory
PHIL/HRTS 3219: Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights
PHIL 3220: Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights

Political Science
POLS 3255: Politics of South Africa
POLS/HRTS 3256: Politics & Human Rights in Global Supply Chain
POLS/HRTS 3418: International Organizations and Law
POLS/HRTS 3430: Evaluating Human Rights Practices of Countries
POLS/HRTS 3807: Constitutional Rights and Liberties

Sociology
SOCI/AASI 3221/HRTS 3571: Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women
SOCI/AASI 3222/HRTS 3573: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change
SOCI/HRTS 3421: Class, Power, and Inequality
SOCI/HRTS 3429: Sociological Perspectives on Poverty
SOCI 3503: Prejudice and Discrimination
SOCI/AFAM/HRTS 3505: White Racism
SOCI/HRTS 3801: Political Sociology
SOCI/HRTS/AFAM 3825: African Americans and Social Protest

Women’s Studies
WGSS/HRTS 2263: Women and Violence
WGSS/ANTH 3350: Anthropological Perspectives on Women
WGSS/HIST 3562: History of Women and Gender in the United States, 1790-Present
WGSS 3998H: Race and Gender in a Global Perspective

Group C: Internship
HRTS 4291: Human Rights Internship and Portfolio

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