

Human Rights Major and Minor Degree Requirements

Requirements for the Human Rights Major

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**, which are arranged in three divisions: Institutions and Laws; History, Philosophy, and Theory; and Applications and Methods. One course must be taken from each division.
- 12 credits must be taken from the **Elective Courses**. Students may also take additional Core Courses to fulfill their Elective requirement.
- 3 credits are 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 Writing Requirement, different from the W-Course for their primary major.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A SECOND MAJOR

Requirements for the Human Rights Minor

The Human Rights minor is an interdepartmental, interdisciplinary plan of study requiring a minimum of 15 credit hours:

- 3 credits must be taken from the **Core Courses**, which are arranged in two divisions; Institutions and Laws and History, Philosophy, and Theory. One course must be taken from either division.
- 3 credits must be taken from the Applications and Methods division;
- 6 credits must be taken from **Elective Courses**. Students may also take additional Core Courses or Applications and Methods courses to fulfill their Elective 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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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.



Human Rights Institute

Information about University of Connecticut human rights programs and human rights resources may be found at <http://www.humanrights.uconn.edu>

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Recommended Prerequisite

HRTS 1007: Introduction to Human Rights

Institutions and Laws

HIST/HRTS 3202: International Human Rights

HRTS 3200: International Human Rights Law

HRTS 3420: Being International – Geopolitics and Human Rights

POLS/HRTS 3212: Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights

SOCI/HRTS 3831: Human Rights in the United States

History, Philosophy, Theory

HIST/HRTS 3201: The History of Human Rights

HIST/HRTS 3207: Genocide after the Second World War

POLS/HRTS 3042: The Theory of Human Rights

ENGL/HRTS 3631: Literature, Culture and Humanitarianism

PHIL/HRTS 3220: Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights

Applications and Methods

DRAM/HRTS 3139: Theater and Human Rights

HRTS 3149(W): Human Rights Through Film

HRTS 3250(W): Human Rights and New Technologies

POLS/HRTS 3256(W): Politics & Human Rights in Global Supply Chains

POLS/HRTS 3428: The Politics of Torture

POLS/HRTS 3430: Evaluating Human Rights Practices of Countries.

SOCI/HRTS 3835(W): Refugee Camps and Humanitarianism

SOCI/HRTS 3837(W): Sociology of Global Human Rights

Elective Courses**Africana Studies**

AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 3505: White Racism

AFRA/HIST/HRTS 3563: African American History to 1865

AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 3825: African Americans & Social Protest

Anthropology

ANTH/HRTS 3028: Indigenous Rights and Aboriginal Australia

ANTH 3150(W): Migration

ANTH/HRTS 3153(W): Human Rights in Democratizing Countries

ANTH /WGSS 3350: Anthropological Perspectives on Women

Art History

ARTH/HRTS 3575: Human Rights and Visual Culture

Asian American Studies

AASI 3221/SOCI 3221/HRTS 3571: Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women

AASI 3222/SOCI 3222 / HRTS 3573: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change

AASI 3531/HIST 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II

Economics

ECON 2126/PHIL 2245: Philosophy and Economics

ECON 2127: Beyond Self-interest

ECON 3473W: Economic Development

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

History

HIST 3100(W): Biography as History

HIST/AASI 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

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

HRTS 3475: Economic Development and 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

Philosophy

PHIL/HRTS 2170(W): Bioethics and Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective

PHIL 2215: Ethics

PHIL 3218: Feminist Theory

PHIL/HRTS 3219: Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights

Political Science

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

POLS 3255: Politics of South Africa

POLS/HRTS 3418(W): International Organizations and Law

POLS/HRTS 3807: Constitutional Rights and Liberties

Sociology

SOCI 3221/HRTS 3571/AASI 3221: Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women

SOCI 3222/HRTS 3573/AASI 3222: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change

SOCI/HRTS 3421(W): Class, Power, and Inequality

SOCI/HRTS 3429(W): Sociological Perspectives on Poverty

SOCI 3503W: Prejudice and Discrimination

SOCI/HRTS/AFRA 3505: White Racism

SOCI/HRTS 3801(W): Political Sociology

SOCI/HRTS/AFRA 3825: African Americans and Social Protest

Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies

WGSS/HRTS 2263: Women and Violence

Capstone Courses

HRTS 4291: Service Learning/Internship

HRTS 4996(W): Senior Thesis