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**Undergraduate Course Offerings  
Spring 2016**

**HRTS 2263 001/002/003 Women and Violence** (Formerly offered as HRTS 3263.)

Section 01: Lovelace, Tu/Th 11:00am – 12:15pm

Section 02: Lovelace, Tu/Th 12:30pm-1:45pm

Section 03: Olsen, M/W/F 12:20pm-1:10pm

Discussion of violence against women in the U.S. and globally, including close examination of various forms of interpersonal and structural violence as well as the social, political and personal meanings of violence.

**HRTS 3149W 001 Human Rights Through Film**

Richards

Tu 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Human rights-related issues explored via the cinematic medium. Both the substantive content and the technical aspects of the films will be analyzed through a combination of lecture, viewing, and group discussion.

**HRTS 3201 001 The History of Human Rights**

Janco

Tu/Th 11:00am-12:15pm

Historical and theoretical survey of the evolution of human rights since 1945.

**HRTS 3202 001 International Human Rights**

Omara-Otunnu

Tu/Th 12:30pm – 1:45pm

Historical and theoretical survey of the evolution of human rights since 1945.

**HRTS 3209 001 Sustainable Energy 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Bayulgen

Tu/Th 11:00am-12:15pm

Political, socioeconomic, environmental, science and engineering challenges of energy sources; comparison of feasibility and sustainability of energy policies around the world.

**HRTS 3219W 001 Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights**

Killmister

Tu/Th 11:00am-12:15pm

What are human rights? Why are they important? Topics may include the philosophical precursors of human rights, the nature and justification of human rights, or contemporary issues bearing on human rights.

**HRTS 3221 Latinos/as and Human Rights**

Melendez-Badillo

M/W/F 10:10am-11:00am

Latino/a issues related to human, civil and cultural rights, and gender differences.

**HRTS 3252 Corporate Social Impact and Responsibility**

Kaeb

M/W 3:30pm-4:45pm

Social impact and human rights implications related to global operations of multinational corporations; regulatory environment and competitive context that govern responsible business conduct on a global scale, how to navigate regulatory mandates and design social responsibility strategies to increase a firm's reputation, reduce costs, and improve its competitive positioning while respecting human rights principles.

\*Registration for course will be available on student admin in early November

**HRTS 3254 001 Business Solutions to Societal Changes**

Kaeb

M/W 5:00pm-6:15pm

Market-based solutions to social and human rights challenges; how companies create value both for society and business, including role of for-profit businesses as agents for positive social impact in changing legal, regulatory, policy, and market environments. Regulatory and business strategies for long-term economic viability, sustainability, and human rights. Social innovation, statutory benefit corporations, corporate social certifications, social investment, shared value, strategic philanthropy, and business opportunities serving emerging markets.

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**HRTS 3256W 001 Politics and Human Rights in Global Supply Chains**

Hertel

W 6:00pm-8:30pm

Political and human rights implications of regulating contemporary global supply chains: official regulatory frameworks; non-regulatory approaches to rule-making (such as voluntary corporate codes of conduct and industry standards); social responses to the dilemmas of "ethical" sourcing of goods and services.

**HRTS 3295 001 Corp Social Impact and Responsibility**

Kaeb

M/W 3:30pm-4:45pm

**HRTS 3298 001 Variable Topics: Governance, Development and Human Rights**

Abebe

Tu/Th 2:00pm – 3:15pm

This seminar will examine governance and development in sub-Saharan Africa, focusing on topics of institutional development, good governance, democratization, human rights, globalization and regional integration efforts. Students will critically analyze the opportunities and challenges of sustainable development and governance issues in sub-Saharan Africa and compare and contrast the African context with development and governance patterns in the global north.

**HRTS 3298 002 Variable Topics: Community Engaged Writing for Human Rights**

Janco

W 3:35pm – 6:05pm

In this course students will write and create content for *Warscapes* an independent online magazine that provides a lens into current conflicts across the world. To facilitate this work, students will read and discuss a variety of war writings, including war literature and war journalism. Articles, poetry and literature from *Warscapes* will provide insights into the magazine's mission, design and theory of change. Weekly writing assignments will be evaluated through open review for development into potentially publishable blog entries, book reviews or analyses of human rights-related data and reports. As a service learning course, students will create content for our partners in *Warscapes* and participate in an ongoing cycle of learning, experience and reflection.

**HRTS 3298 003 Variable Topics: Understanding Testimonial Literature**

Gebelein

Tu/Th 12:30pm- 1:45pm

Narratives of protest and resistance in North, Central and South America. This course focuses on the literary criticism of testimonial literature (John Beverley, George Yúdice, Shoshana Felman, Fredric Jameson, etc.) and applies its theories broadly to a variety of genres, such as prison literature, slave narratives, "whistle-blower" novels, the poetry of Central American revolutions, and autobiographical accounts of human rights abuses. Reading knowledge of Spanish is helpful but not required.

**HRTS 3298 004 Variable Topics: Islam and Human Rights**

Eyadat

Mo 10:10am – 12:40pm

In recent decades, the rise in violence and human rights violations committed by extremist Islamist actors, or actors who do not identify as Islamist but hold Islamic affiliations, have contributed to the conflation of extremist Islamism and Islam itself. With most of the Western media attention focused on religious and sectarian conflicts in the region, negative feelings towards Islamism have extended towards Islam. This course sheds light on Islam and its relationship with human rights and the main approaches shaping this debate. It addresses this relationship from the perspectives of both the international human rights communities and the religious "Muslim" scholars' communities. The course

highlights the study of human rights in Islamic theorizing, while examining the current human rights conditions in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries as "Muslim states."

**HRTS 3298 005 Variable Topics: Science, Technology and Politics**

Scruggs

Tu/Th 2:00pm-3:15pm

In this class we will examine the relationship between science and technology and role of the public. What does the public generally know or think about major contemporary issues in science and technology? Has their understanding or interaction changed over time, and why? What rights do members of the public have to know, direct, and benefit from the pursuit of scientific knowledge, and to be protected from its side effects? The course will focus on contemporary issues in science and politics, like climate change, genetically modified organisms, and the health effects of vaccines, in the United States and Europe, but we will also visit longer historical timeframes and broader international implications.

**HRTS 3299 Independent Study**

**HRTS 3573 Asian Indian Women: Activism & Social Change in India and the U.S.**

Purkayastha

Tu/Th 9:30am – 10:45am

How gender, class and ethnicity/race structure everyday lives of Asian Indian women in both India and the United States.

**HRTS 3619 001 Literature and Human Rights**

Winter

Tu/Th 2:00pm-3:15pm

Study of literature from various historical periods and nationalities concerned with defining, exploring, and critiquing the idea of universal human rights.

**HRTS 3807 001 Constitutional Rights & Liberties**

Yalof

Tu/Th 9:30am-10:45am

The role of the Supreme Court in interpreting the Bill of Rights. Topics include freedoms of speech and religion, criminal due process, and equal protection.

**HRTS 3831 001 Human Rights in United States**

Glasberg

Tu/Th 8:00am – 9:15am

Sociological analyses of human rights issues in the United States, including economic, racial, and gender justice; prisoner's rights and capital punishment; the role of the United States in international human rights agreements and treaties; and struggles on behalf of human rights.

**HRTS 3835 001 Refugees and Humanitarianism**

Holzer

M/W/F 10:10am – 11:00am

Social and political challenges of living as a refugee and working in humanitarian settings. Refugee camps, the institutional development of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and alternative approaches to sanctuary.

**HRTS 4291 001 Service Learning Seminar/Internship**

Fr 10:10am – 11:10am

Combination of internship work within the larger human rights community with regular classroom meetings for reflection/analysis on the application of human rights concepts and practices. Includes the production of a written/media portfolio of semester's work.

**HRTS 4996W Senior Thesis**

Research and writing of major project exploring a topic with human rights, with close supervision and production of multiple written drafts.