

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**, 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 minor 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

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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.

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



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Recommended Course:

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

Core A: Institutions and Laws

ANTH/HRTS 3230(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; 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 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

DMD/HRTS 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

HRTS/LLAS 2450: Human Rights in Latin America

POLS/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 (CA2; 4INT)

HRTS 2200: Introduction to Genocide Studies (CA2; 4INT)

HRTS 3460: Human Rights and Armed Conflict

HRTS 3710: Islam and Human Rights

Core C: Applications and Methods

BLAW/MKTG/HRTS 3252: Corporate Social Responsibility and Accountability

BLAW/MKTG/HRTS 3254: Business Solutions to Societal Challenges

DMD/HRTS 3640: Human Rights Archives I

DMD/HRTS 3641: Human Rights Archives II

DRAM/HRTS 2150: Devising Theatre for Social Justice I (CA1A)

DRAM/HRTS 3139: Theater and Human Rights

ENGR/HRTS 3257: Assessment for Human Rights Sustainability

HRTS 2400: 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 3540: Topics in Human Rights Practice

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

POLS/HRTS 3430: Evaluating Human Rights Practices of Countries

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

Elective Courses

Africana Studies

AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 2520: White Racism (CA 4)

AFRA/HIST/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 4INT)

ANTH 3150(W): Migration (CA 4)

ANTH/HRTS 3153(W): Human Rights in Democratizing Countries (CA 4INT)

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

AAAS/SOCI/HRTS 2220: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change

AAAS/HIST/HRTS 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II (CA 1C; 4)

Dramatic Arts

HEJS/DRAM/HRTS 2203: The Holocaust in Print, Theater, and Film (CA 1A; 4INT)

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

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)

Human Development and Family Services

HDFS 3251: 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/LLAS 3221/HRTS 3221: Latino/as and Human Rights

HIST/AAAS 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

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 2215(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: Environmental and Climate Justice (CA2, E Lit)

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/LLAS 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 2898: 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 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.