

Degree Requirements

Majoring In Human Rights

The Human Rights major is an interdepartmental, interdisciplinary program requiring a minimum of 36 credit hours:

- 9 credits must be taken from the Core Courses, 3 credits must be taken from each of the following categories:
 - Core A: Institutions and Laws
 - Core B: History, Philosophy, and Theory;
 - Core C: Applications and Methods.
- 12 credits must be taken from the Elective Courses.
- 3 credits must be taken from the Capstone Courses.
- 12 credit hours of Related Courses must be completed as approved by a major advisor.

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

Minoring in Human Rights

The Human Rights minor requires a minimum of 15 credit hours at the 2000-level or above:

- 6 credits must be taken from the Core Courses.
 - 3 credits must be taken from either Core A or Core B.
 - 3 credits must be taken Core C.
- 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 .

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 study of human rights.

In this program, 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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Human Rights at UConn



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Core A: Institutions & Laws

ANTH/HRTS 3028(W): Indigenous Rights and Aboriginal Australia (CA 4INT)
ANTH/HRTS 3230(W): Propaganda, Disinformation, & Hate Speech (CA2)
BLAW/MKTG/HRTS 3252: Business and Human Rights
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
SOC/HR/RTS 2800: Human Rights in the United States
SOC/HR/RTS 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
ECON 3128: Economic and Social Human Rights
ENGR/HRTS 2300: Engineering for Human Rights
ENGL/HRTS 3631(W): Literature, Culture, and Humanitarianism
HEJS/DRAM/HRTS 2203: The Holocaust in Print, Theater, and Film (CA 1A; 4INT)
HIST/HRTS 3201: The History of Human Rights
HIST/HRTS 3207: Genocide after the Second World War
HIST/HRTS 3232: History of Refugees, Migration, and Statelessness
HRTS/LLAS 2450: Human Rights in Latin America
POLS/HRTS 3042: Theories 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 3149(W): Human Rights Through Film
HRTS 3460: Human Rights and Armed Conflict

Core C: Applications & Methods

BLAW/MKTG/HRTS 3254: Social Responsibility and Accountability in Business
DMD/HRTS 3640: Human Rights Archives I: Documenting and Curating Community Memory
DMD/HRTS 3641: Human Rights Archives II: Visual Storytelling Practices
DRAM/HRTS 2150: Devising Theatre for Social Justice I (CA1A)
DRAM/HRTS 3139: Theater and Human Rights
ENGR/HRTS 3257: Assessment for Human Rights and Sustainability
HRTS 2400: Ethics and Sustainability in New Financial Technologies
HRTS 3250(W): Human Rights and New Technologies (CA 1D)
HRTS 3401: Applied Research in Human Rights

Course Offerings

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

Electives

Africana Studies

AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 2520: White Racism (CA 4INT)
AFRA/HIST/HRTS 3563: African American History to 1865
AFRA/SOCI/HRTS 2530: African Americans & Social Protest

Anthropology

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
ARTH/HRTS 3580(W): Image as Witness: Testimony, Witness, Confession

Asian American Studies

AAAS/SOCI/HRTS 2220: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change in India and the United States
AAAS/HIST 3531: Japanese Americans and World War II (CA 1C; 4)

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 3100W: 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
ENGL/HEJS 3629: Holocaust Memoir (CA 1B; 4INT)

Geography

GEOG 2400E: Introduction to Sustainable Cities
GEOG 3240: Health Geography: Connecting People, Place, and Health

Hebrew and Judaic Studies

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

Human Development and Family Sciences

HDFS 3251: Biotechnology, Disability and the Family

History

HIST 2456: Power and Resistance: History of Eastern Europe (CA 4 INT)

HIST 2103(W): Biography as History: Individuals in their Times
HIST 3418: The Holocaust
HIST 2570: American Indian History (CA 4)
HIST 3575/LLAS 3221/HRTS 3221: Latinos/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

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/WGSS 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 3214: Comparative Social Policy
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/WGSS 3249: Gender Politics and Islam

Sociology

SOCI/HRTS/AAAS 2220: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change in India and the United States
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): LGBTQ Sexualities, Activism, and Globalization (CA 4INT)
WGSS 3105(W): The Politics of Reproduction
WGSS 3257(W): 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, 1850-Present
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