

Minor in Human Rights Studies

The **Human Rights Studies** minor will introduce students to some of the key conceptual, ethical and methodological approaches to the study and practice of human rights. In particular, it will address key concepts, principles and norms, such as human dignity, non-discrimination, equality, due process, empowerment, human security, human development, and accountability; it will expose students to diverse disciplinary and methodological approaches to the study and practice of human rights from a domestic as well as an international perspective; it will familiarize students with the evolution of international human rights norms both in theory and in practice, the latter through the study of pivotal events in the history of human rights, such as the anti-slavery and anti-slave trade campaign, the Civil Rights Movement, the Campaign Against Apartheid, the transnational movement spawned by the Helsinki Final Act, and, more recently, the campaign to establish the International Criminal Court and the launching of the Millennium Development Goals; it will train students how to use the human rights framework in order to analyze and assess critical developments in key issue areas of global concern; and it will provide students with internship opportunities so as to hone their advocacy skills in addressing the challenges of an increasingly complex and interconnected world. **This minor can be paired with all majors; examples would include Gender Studies, Global History, Humanities and Justice, International Criminal Justice, and Political Science.**

Total Credits: 18

Required Course (1 – 3 credits): Political Science 320 *International Human Rights*

Elective Courses (15 credits)

Theme I. Theories and Concepts (5 courses)

(Choose at least one course)

Humanities and Justice Studies 250 *Justice in the Western Traditions*

Sociology 251 *Sociology of Human Rights*

Philosophy 302 *Philosophical Issues of Rights*

Humanities and Justice Studies 310 *Justice in the Non-Western Tradition*

Political Science 319 *Gender and Law*

Theme II. Non-Discrimination/Empowerment (6 courses)

(Choose at least one course)

Art 224/AAA 224 *African American Women in Art*

Political Science 313/Law 313 *The Law and Politics of Race Relations*

Literature 315 *American Literature and the Law*

Political Science 318 *The Law and Politics of Sexual Orientation*

Latin American and Latina/o Studies 322 *Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in Urban Latina/o Communities.*

Sociology 333 *Gender Issues in International Criminal Justice*

Theme III. Human Security/Access to Justice (4 courses)

(Choose at least one course)

Latin American and Latina/o Studies 220 *Human Rights and Law in Latin America*

Literature 342 *Perspectives on Literature and Human Rights*

Latin American and Latina/o Studies 343 *Race and Citizenship in the Americas*

Interdisciplinary Studies (ISP 336) *Just Intentions: Global Humanitarianism*

Africana Studies 320 *Perspectives on Justice in the Africana World*

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