HUMAN RIGHTS (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

Operated in conjunction with the UConn Human Rights Institute and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), the Graduate Certificate in Human Rights enables LL.M. students to develop expertise in the burgeoning interdisciplinary field of international human rights. To be eligible for this certificate, students must make formal application to, and be accepted in, the program. Courses may be taken at the School of Law and on the Storrs campus.

Eligibility

Students enrolled in the Human Rights and Social Justice LL.M. are not eligible for this certificate.

How to Apply

LL.M. students may apply at any time but are encouraged to apply in their first semester to facilitate course planning and communication about Human Rights programming and professional opportunities.

Forms and instructions for applying to the H.R. certificate program are available here:

Application Instructions (pdf) (https://humanrights.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3236/2021/11/Law-School-Grad-Certificate-Application-Instructions-11.4.2021.pdf)

Plan of Study (pdf) (https://humanrights.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3236/2021/11/Certificate-Plan-of-Study-LAW-11.5.2021.pdf)

Course Substitution Form (pdf) (https://humanrights.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3236/2021/09/2.23.15-Course-Substitution-Form-1.pdf)

More information is available on the UConn Human Rights Certificate website (https://humanrights.uconn.edu/academics/graduate-certificate/).

Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
EDCI 5847	Human Rights and Social Justice in Education	
HRTS 5301	Contemporary Debates in Human Rights	
LAW 7878	International Human Rights (International Human Rights)	
LAW 7883	Human Rights Post Conflict Justice (Human Rights Post Conflict Justice)	
SSW 5421	Human Rights and Social Work	
Select three elective courses from the list of Preapproved Electives.		9
Total Credits		**12**

Course	Title	Credits
Preapproved Electives		
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences		
Any HRTS course numbered 5000 or above		3
ANTH 5313	Decolonial Alternatives: Sense Making, Political Practices and Collective Experiences	3
ANTH 5315	Gender and Culture	3
ANTH/HRTS 5327	Propaganda, Disinformation, and Hate Speech	3
ANTH 5377/ PUBH 5497	Global Health and Anthropology	3
ANTH 5395	Special Topics [1]	1-6
BLAW 5254	Social Responsibility and Accountability in Business	3
CLCS 5317	Studies in Comparative Culture [1]	3
CLCS/GERM/ALDS 5324	Teaching for Intercultural Citizenship and Human Rights I	3
CLCS/GERM/ALDS 5325	Teaching for Intercultural Citizenship and Human Rights II	3
ECON 5128/ HRTS 5390	Economic Rights	3
ECON 6473	Economic Development: Microeconomic Issues	3
ENGL 6540	Seminar in Literature and Human Rights	3
GERM 5314/ CLCS 5317	German Studies [1]	3
GERM 5345/ CLCS 5317	Studies in German Literature III [1]	3
GERM 5350	Theater and Human Rights	3
GERM/CLCS/HEJS 5355	German Jewish Literature and Human Rights	3
GERM 6460/ HEJS 5397/ CLCS 5317	Seminar in Twentieth-Century Literature [1]	3
GERM 6480	Investigation of Special Topics [1]	1-6
HIST 5195	Special Topics in History [1]	3
HIST/HRTS 5270	History of Human Rights	3
HIST 5525	Society and Culture in the Civil War Era, 1830-1880	3
HIST 5622	The Historical Literature of Latin America	3
PHIL 5315	Seminar in Moral Philosophy	3
PHIL 5397	Seminar [1]	3
POLS 5010	Investigation of Special Topics in Political Science [1]	1-3
POLS 5115	Theories of Human Rights	3
SOCI 5515	Sociology of Immigration	3
SOCI 5614	Sexual Citizenship	3
SOCI 5801	Political Sociology	3
SOCI 5895	Investigation of Special Topics [1]	1-3
SPAN 6402	Studies in Spanish-American Literature [1]	3
SPAN 6405	Special Topics in Twentieth-Century Spanish-American Literature and Cultural Production [1]	3
WGSS 5395	Special Topics Seminar in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies [1]	3
WGSS 5398	Variable Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies [1]	3
School of Social Work		

SSW 5413	Gender, Family, and Social Policy	3
SSW 5414	Core Concepts of Child and Adolescent Trauma	3
SSW 5415	International Development: Theory and Practice	3
SSW 5416	International Social Work Global Issues	3
SSW 5417	Comparative Social Welfare Policy between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union	3
SSW 5418	Economic Justice: Labor and Social Work	3
SSW 5451	Studies in the Holocaust: Implications for Social Work	3
Law School		
LAW 7299	Corporations and Human Rights	3
LAW 7319	Bias, Racism, and Cross Cultural Competency	3
LAW 7357	Insurance and Discrimination (Insurance and Discrimination)	2
LAW 7360	Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession (Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession)	3
LAW 7609	Clinic: Asylum and Human Rights (Clinic: Asylum and Human Rights. Only open to law students; only four credit classroom component counts towards certificate)	4
LAW 7653	European Human Rights (European Human Rights)	3
LAW 7655	Employment Discrimination Law (Employment Discrimination Law)	3
LAW 7672	Immigration Law (Immigration Law)	3
LAW 7679	International Law (International Law)	3
LAW 7759	The Nuremberg Trials (The Nuremberg Trials)	2
LAW 7777	Race and the American Legal System	2-3
LAW 7814	Refugee Law (Refugee Law)	3
LAW 7872	Comparative Law and Rights (Comparative Law and Rights)	3
LAW 7914	American Slavery and American Law: The Legal Origins of Racism in America	3
LAW 7592/ PUBH 5460	Health and Human Rights (Health and Human Rights)	3
PUBH 5497/ ANTH 5377	Graduate Seminar in Public Health [1]	1-6

[1] Departmental Special Topics and Variable Topics courses may be taken with pre-approval of content by the Human Rights Graduate Certificate Committee.

Students may also petition for other courses with a significant human rights component to be counted toward the certificate on an individual basis by submitting a request for course substitution form (https://humanrights.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2330/2014/06/2.23.15-Course-Substitution-Form.pdf).

Learning Objectives

1. Identify the substantive law and legal theories central to international human rights litigation and advocacy.
2. Apply relevant domestic and international law to modern civil rights and human rights problems.
3. Effectively employ strategies for identifying, analyzing, and solving specific human rights problems in the manner expected of a lawyer in this field.