

HUMAN RIGHTS (BA)

The field of concentration in Human Rights gives students an understanding of the legal instruments, norms, and institutions that constitute contemporary human rights law, as well as the social movements, cultural practices, and literary and artistic representations that have and continue to imagine the human rights ethic in various ways. In recent years, the human rights dimensions of many of the most vexing and pertinent issues at the global, national, and local level have gained prominence - including the problems of environmental deterioration, economic inequality, and ethnic and religious conflict. Students who major in Human Rights will be better equipped not only to understand the complex nature of these and other issues, but also to develop and pursue novel approaches toward a better world. In addition to studying the manifold histories, theories, and practices of human rights in a systematic and comprehensive manner, students majoring in Human Rights will also develop more specialized methodological and topical expertise in a second discipline.

Requirements

To complete the Major in Human Rights, students are required to complete an additional, primary major offered in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or an additional degree program offered in another University School or College. For students completing a double major within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, a minimum of 48 credits without overlap is required to earn both majors and students will receive one degree appropriate to their primary major.

For students completing a dual degree, all requirements for each degree must be met and at least 18 unique additional credits more than the degree with the higher minimum-credit requirement must be completed (e.g. School of Nursing and CLAS, CLAS requires 120 credits to graduate, $120 + 18 = 138$ credits to graduate with both degrees) and students will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Human Rights along with another degree appropriate to their second program. All 18 credits for the additional degree must be at the 2000 level or higher.

It is recommended that Human Rights majors declare their primary major by the end of their third semester.

Recommended Course

HRTS 1007 Introduction to Human Rights

Requirements for the Major in Human Rights

Undergraduate majors must complete a total of 36 credits: nine credits of core courses with at least one course in each of groups A, B and C; 12 credits of elective courses from the lists of core courses (A, B and C) or elective courses; 12 credits of related courses as approved by the Director of the Human Rights Major; and HRTS 4291 Service Learning Seminar/Internship or HRTS 4996W Senior Thesis.

Core Courses

A. Institutions and Laws

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH/HRTS 3028 or ANTH 3028W or HRTS 3028W	Indigenous Rights and Aboriginal Australia	3

ANTH/HRTS 3230 or ANTH 3230W or HRTS 3230W	Propaganda, Disinformation, and Hate Speech	3
BADM/BLAW/MKTG/ HRTS 3252	Business and Human Rights	3
HIST/HRTS 3202	International Human Rights	3
HRTS 3050	Approaches to Human Rights Advocacy	3
HRTS 3055	Theory and Practice of International Criminal Justice	3
HRTS 3200/3200W		3
HRTS/POLS 3212	Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights	3
HRTS 3420	Being International: Geopolitics and Human Rights	3
HRTS 3428	The Politics of Torture	3
HRTS/SOCI 2800	Human Rights in the United States	3
HRTS/SOCI 2845/ HRTS 2845W/SOCI 2845W	Sociology of Global Human Rights	3

B. History, Philosophy, and Theory

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH/HRTS 3326	Global Health and Human Rights	3
ANTH/HRTS/LLAS 3327	Power and Health in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
DMD/HRTS 3828	Social Documentary in Theory and Practice	3
DRAM/HEJS/HRTS 2203	The Holocaust in Print, Theater, and Film	3
ECON 3128		
ENGR/HRTS 2300		3
ENGL 3631W or HRTS 3631W	Literature, Culture, and Humanitarianism	3
HIST/HRTS 3201	The History of Human Rights	3
HIST/HRTS 3207	Genocide after the Second World War	3
HIST/HRTS 3232	History of Refugees, Migration, and Statelessness	3
HRTS 2100/2100W	Human Rights and Social Change	3
HRTS 2200	Introduction to Genocide Studies	3
HRTS/LLAS 2450	Human Rights in Latin America	3
HRTS/POLS 3042	Theories of Human Rights	3
HRTS 3149 or HRTS 3149W	Human Rights Through Film	3
HRTS/PHIL 3220/ HRTS 3220W/PHIL 3220W		3
HRTS 3460	Human Rights and Armed Conflict	3
HRTS 3710		3

C. Applications and Methods

Course	Title	Credits
BADM/BLAW/HRTS/ MKTG 3254/	Social Responsibility and Accountability in Business	3
DMD/HRTS 3640	Human Rights Archives I: Documenting and Curating Community Memory	3

DMD/HRTS 3641	Human Rights Archives II: Visual Storytelling Practices	3	HIST 2570	American Indian History	3
DRAM/HRTS 2150	Devising Theatre for Social Justice I	3	HIST/AAAS 3531	Japanese Americans and World War II	3
DRAM/HRTS 3139	Theatre and Human Rights	3	HIST/WGSS 3562	History of Women and Gender in the United States, 1850-Present	3
ENGR/HRTS 3257	Assessment for Human Rights and Sustainability	3	HIST/HRTS/AFRA 3563	African American History to 1865	3
HRTS 2400	Ethics and Sustainability in New Financial Technologies	3	HIST 2456	Power and Resistance: History of Eastern Europe	3
HRTS 3250/3250W		3	HIST 3418	The Holocaust	3
HRTS 3401	Applied Research in Human Rights	3	LLAS/HRTS 3221/ HIST 3575	Latinos/as and Human Rights	3
HRTS 3475	Economic Development and Human Rights	3	LLAS 3271/ POLS 3834	Immigration and Transborder Politics	3
HRTS 3540	Topics in Human Rights Practice	3	NRE 2600E	Global Sustainable Natural Resources	3
POLS/HRTS 3256/ POLS 3256W/HRTS 3256W	Politics and Human Rights in Global Supply Chains	3	NURS 3225	Ethical Ways of Knowing	3
POLS/HRTS 3430	Evaluating Human Rights Practices of Countries	3	PHIL/HRTS 2170W	Bioethics and Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
SOCI/HRTS 3835/ SOCI 3835W/HRTS 3835W		3	PHIL/HRTS 3219/ PHIL 3219W/HRTS 3219W		3
D. Elective Courses			PHIL 2215/2215W	Ethics	3
Course	Title	Credits	PHIL 3218	Feminist Theory	3
Any HRTS course numbered 2000 or above		3	POLS/ENGR/HRTS 3209	Sustainable Energy in the 21st Century	3
AAAS/HRTS/SOCI 2220	Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change in India and the United States	3	POLS 3211 or POLS 3211W		3
AFRA/HRTS/SOCI 2520	White Racism	3	POLS 3214 or POLS 3214W	Comparative Social Policy	3
AFRA/HRTS/SOCI 2530	African Americans and Social Protest	3	POLS 3240E		3
ANTH/HRTS 3153W		3	POLS/WGSS 3249	Gender Politics and Islam	3
ANTH 3150/3150W	Migration	3	POLS/HRTS 3418/ POLS 3418W	International Organizations and Law	3
ANTH/WGSS 3350	Anthropological Perspectives on Women	3	POLS 3672/ WGSS 3052	Women and Politics	3
ARTH/HRTS 2210	Art and Activism	3	POLS/HRTS 3807	Constitutional Rights and Liberties	3
ARTH/HRTS 3575	Human Rights, Digital Media, Visual Culture	3	SOCI/HRTS 2830/ SOCI 2830W/HRTS 2830W	Class, Power, and Inequality	3
ARTH/HRTS 3580	Image as Witness: Testimony, Witness, Confession	3	SOCI 2503/2503W	Prejudice and Discrimination	3
or ARTH 3580W	Image as Witness: Testimony, Witness, Confession		SOCI 2898	Topics in Sociology and Human Rights	3
or HRTS 3580W	Image as Witness: Testimony, Witness, Confession		WGSS/HRTS 2263	Women, Gender, and Violence	3
ECON 2120	Honors Core: Rights and Harms	3	WGSS 2255	LGBTQ Sexualities, Activism, and Globalization	3
ECON 3473/3473W	Economic Development	3	or WGSS 2255W	LGBTQ Sexualities, Activism, and Globalization	
ECON 2445/ HRTS 3445/WGSS 3445	Economic Foundations of Gender Inequality	3	WGSS 3105 or WGSS 3105W	The Politics of Reproduction	3
EDCI 2100	Power, Privilege, and Public Education	3	WGSS 3257 or WGSS 3257W	Feminist Disability Studies	3
EDCI 3100W	Multicultural Education, Equity and Social Justice	3	WGSS 3269 or WGSS 3269W	Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements	3
ENGL/HRTS 3619	Topics in Literature and Human Rights	3	E. Related Courses		
ENGL 3629	Holocaust Memoir	3	A minimum of 12 credits of related courses (2000 level or above) must be approved by the director of the Human Rights major.		
GEOG 2400E	Introduction to Sustainable Cities	3			
GEOG 3240	Health Geography: Connecting People, Place, and Health	3			
HDFS 3251	Biotechnology, Disability and the Family	3			
HIST 2103W	Biography as History: Individuals in their Times	3			

F. Capstone Course

HRTS 4291 Service Learning Seminar/Internship or HRTS 4996W Senior Thesis

Information Literacy and Writing Requirements

The following courses satisfy the Information Literacy Competency and Writing in the Major requirements:

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH/HRTS 3028W	Indigenous Rights and Aboriginal Australia	3
ANTH/HRTS 3153W		3
ANTH/HRTS 3230W		3
ANTH 3150W	Migration	3
ARTH 3575W		3
ECON 3473W	Economic Development	3
EDCI 3100W	Multicultural Education, Equity and Social Justice	3
HRTS 2100W	Human Rights and Social Change	3
HIST 2103W	Biography as History: Individuals in their Times	3
HRTS 3149W	Human Rights through Film	3
HRTS 3200W	International Human Rights Law	3
HRTS 3250W	Human Rights and New Technologies	3
HRTS 4996W	Senior Thesis	3
HRTS/PHIL 2170W	Bioethics and Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
HRTS/PHIL 3219W	Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights	3
HRTS/PHIL 3220W	Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights	3
PHIL 2215W	Ethics	3
POLS 3211W		3
POLS 3214W		
POLS/HRTS 3256W	Politics and Human Rights in Global Supply Chains	3
POLS 3418W	International Organizations and Law	3
SOCI 2503W		3
SOCI 2830W		3
SOCI/HRTS 2845W		3
SOCI/HRTS 3835W		3
WGSS 2255W	LGBTQ Sexualities, Activism, and Globalization	3
WGSS 3105W	The Politics of Reproduction	3
WGSS 3257W	Feminist Disability Studies	3
WGSS 3269W	Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements	3

Human Rights and Sustainability Specialization in Multidisciplinary Engineering

A Multidisciplinary Engineering major with a specialization in Human Rights and Sustainability is open to those enrolled in the College of Engineering. The program draws substantively on the courses offered

through the Human Rights Institute, but the requirements are tailored to Engineering.

A minor in Human Rights is described in the “Minors” section.

University General Education Requirements

Every student must meet a set of core requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree, in addition to those required by the student's major course of study and other requirements set by the student's school or college. For more information about these requirements, please see General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/gen-ed-requirements/>).

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements

Students must meet a set of requirements established by the college in addition to the University's General Education requirements. For more information, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) section of this catalog.

4+1 Accelerated Master of Arts in Human Rights

The Master's Degree in Human Rights requires the completion of 30 credit hours of graduate coursework, up to 12 of which can be earned during the student's senior year. Up to 12 credits of approved graduate coursework included on the student's undergraduate plan of study can also be used toward both the B.A. and M.A. plans of study.