

# HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES

## Majors:

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## Minors:

- Human Rights Studies (p. 4)

With the Human Rights Studies (HRS) Major and Minor, students receive interdisciplinary instruction in contemporary understandings of justice and equality through legal, historical, philosophical, political, and religious perspectives. Human Rights Studies is a dynamic and evolving field and through our program students are equipped with the practical knowledge and skills needed to respond to the social, economic, technological and political threats to human dignity in the U.S. and abroad.

## HRS Major

- A major in human rights studies requires 45 to 57 semester hours of courses in the humanities and the social sciences.
- Given the interdisciplinary nature of this degree program, many students are able to double major.
- HRS is one of the few degree programs that includes a 3-credit hour experiential learning requirement.
- As an HRS Major students have flexibility in choosing three 3-credit hour electives courses from different disciplines to best support individual passions and career goals.

## HRS Minor

- A minor in human rights studies consists of 18 semester hours. Six of those credit hours include two elective courses that from different disciplines to best support individual passions and career goals.

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## Bachelor of Arts, Human Rights Studies (HRS) minimum 124 hours

The Bachelor of Arts in Human Rights Studies is an integrated pre-professional degree firmly grounded in the traditional liberal arts. Students, faculty, and staff participating in the program enter into it

guided by their fundamental commitment to respect and promote the dignity of each human person. The degree is intended to produce intellectually adept students who are capable of performing rigorous research and conducting high quality analysis of critical questions in the area of human rights studies. It is equally intended to produce thoughtful and transformational servant-leaders who will apply the knowledge and skills obtained in the program to contemporary human rights issues and situations both domestically and internationally. Through the integration of liberal and pre-professional education, the interdisciplinary program prepares distinctive graduates who intend to pursue advanced study and training in the field of human rights, or careers in human rights advocacy and humanitarian assistance. Those graduates will possess the values, knowledge and skills necessary for effective public service in:

- Government agencies
- Non-governmental organizations
- International aid agencies
- Non-profit groups in human rights or humanitarian assistance

Courses taken for the major may also count toward completion of the Common Academic Program and the Liberal Studies Curriculum.

### Common Academic Program (CAP) <sup>1</sup>

First-Year Humanities Commons <sup>2</sup>	12
	cr.
	hrs.
HST 103	The West & the World
REL 103	Introduction to Religious and Theological Studies
PHL 103	Introduction to Philosophy
ENG 100	Writing Seminar I <sup>3</sup>
Second-Year Writing Seminar <sup>4</sup>	0-3
	cr.
	hrs.
ENG 200	Writing Seminar II
Oral Communication	3
	cr.
	hrs.
CMM 100	Principles of Oral Communication
Mathematics	3
	cr.
	hrs.
Social Science	3
	cr.
	hrs.
SSC 200	Social Science Integrated
Arts	3
	cr.
	hrs.
Natural Sciences <sup>5</sup>	7
	cr.
	hrs.
Crossing Boundaries	up
	to
	12
	cr.
	hrs.
Faith Traditions	
Practical Ethical Action	
Inquiry <sup>6</sup>	

Integrative	
Advanced Study	
Philosophy and/or Religious Studies (6 cr. hrs.)	
Historical Studies (3 cr. hrs.) <sup>7</sup>	
Diversity and Social Justice <sup>8</sup>	3
	cr.
	hrs.
Major Capstone <sup>9</sup>	0-6
	cr.
	hrs.

<sup>1</sup> The credit hours listed reflect what is needed to complete each CAP component. However, they should not be viewed as a cumulative addition to a student's degree requirements because many CAP courses are designed to satisfy more than one CAP component (e.g., Crossing Boundaries and Advanced Studies) and may also satisfy requirements in the student's major.

<sup>2</sup> May be completed with ASI 110 and ASI 120 through the Core Program.

<sup>3</sup> May be completed with ENG 100A and ENG 100B, by placement.

<sup>4</sup> May be completed with ENG 114 or ENG 198 or ASI 120.

<sup>5</sup> Must include two different disciplines and at least one accompanying lab.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. History AP and CLEP credit will not satisfy this requirement.

<sup>7</sup> May be completed with ASI 110 and ASI 120 through the Core Program. U.S. History AP and CLEP credit will not satisfy this requirement.

<sup>8</sup> May not double count with First-Year Humanities Commons, Second-Year Writing, Oral Communication, Social Science, Arts, or Natural Sciences CAP components, but may double count with courses taken to satisfy other CAP components and/or courses taken in the student's major.

<sup>9</sup> The course or experience is designed by faculty in each major; it may, or may not, be assigned credit hours.

### Liberal Studies Curriculum

Creative and Performing Arts (May include CAP Arts)	3
L2 Proficiency (Proficiency in a language other than English) <sup>1</sup>	0-11
Literature (May include CAP Components) <sup>3</sup>	3
Mathematics, excluding MTH 205 (Satisfies CAP Mathematics)	3
Natural Sciences (Satisfies CAP Natural Science)	11
Social Sciences (Includes CAP Social Science)	12

### Major Requirements<sup>2</sup>

HRS Core Curriculum		
HRS 200	Introduction to Human Rights	3
HRS 497	Capstone Seminar in Human Rights Studies	3
PHL 371	Philosophy & Human Rights	3
POL 333	Politics of Human Rights	3
POL 334	Politics of Human Rights II	3
POL 406	International Law & Organization	3
REL 363	Faith & Justice	3
SOC 371	Sociology of Human Rights	3
Human Rights in US History - Choose one course from the following:		3
HST 329	Americans and the Middle East	
HST 350	LGBTQ History: Comparative European and USA	

HST 351	American Gender & Women's History	
HST 355	American Urban History	
HST 371	Labor and Working Class History	
HST 378	Immigration History	
HST 380	Native American History	
HST 398	African American History before 1877	
HST 399	History of Blacks in the United States Since 1900	
Skills in Communication - Choose one course from the following:		3
CMM 316	Intercultural Communication	
CMM 321	Small Group Communication	
CMM 332	Publication Design	
CMM 341	Audio Production	
CMM 342	Fundamentals of Video Production	
CMM 344	Multimedia Design & Production I	
CMM 352	Persuasion	
CMM 356	Argumentation and Advocacy	
CMM 360	Principles of Public Relations	
CMM 411	Health Communication	
CMM 420	Communication & Conflict Management	
Skills in Writing - Choose one course from the following:		3
CMM 330	Media Writing	
CMM 333	Free Lance Writing	
CMM 343	Scriptwriting for Media Production Platforms	
ENG 369	Writing in Organizations	
ENG 370	Report & Proposal Writing	
ENG 375	Writing for the Web	
ENG 392	Writing for Grants and Non-Profits	
MPA 565	Grantwriting	
PLW 350	Introduction to Legal Research, Writing & Analysis	
Skills in Organization and Management - Choose one course from the following:		3
POL 305	Introduction to Public Administration	
POL 361	Leadership in Nongovernmental Organizations	
ACC 200	Introduction to Accounting	
ACC 207	Introduction to Financial Accounting	
BIZ 200	Survey of Business	
MKT 300	Survey of Marketing	
POL 426	Leadership in Building Communities	
MPA 562	Strategic Planning for Nonprofit & Community Organizations	
MPA 563	NGO Management & Development	
MPA 569	Nonprofit Financial Management	
Research Methods - Choose one course from the following:		3
CMM 412	Research Methods in Communication	
HST 301	Historiography	
POL 207	Political Science Research Methods	
PSY 217	Research Methods	
SOC 208	Social Research Methods	
Experiential Learning - Choose one course from the following:		3
CMM 390	Independent Study	
HST 496	Independent Study	
PHL 492	Directed Research	

POL 431	Independent Study & Research	HST 396	History of South Africa: From Prehistory to Present
POL 495	Internship	HST 399	History of Blacks in the United States Since 1900
SOC 409	Senior Project Capstone	REL	
SOC 498	Independent Study	REL 304	Hinduism
HRS Electives - Choose 3 courses from 3 different disciplines:	9	REL 305	Eastern Orthodoxy
CMM		REL 306	Buddhism
CMM 355	Rhetoric of Social Movements	REL 307	Judaism
CMM 357	Religious Rhetoric in American Culture	REL 308	Islam
SOC		REL 309	Afro-Latin Religions
SOC 309	Community Practice & Research	REL 357	Peacebuilding
SOC 310	Perspectives on Education and Social Justice	REL 358	Liberation Theologies
SOC 323	Juvenile Justice	REL 360	Christian Ethics
SOC 326	Law & Society	REL 366	The Holocaust: Theological & Religious Responses
SOC 328	Racial & Ethnic Relations	PHL	
SOC 329	Sex, Crime, and Law	PHL 310	Social Philosophy
SOC 339	Social Inequality	PHL 314	Philosophy of Law
SOC 342	Social Movements	PHL 317	Ethics of War
SOC 345	Sociology of Extremism	PHL 327	Philosophy of Peace
SOC 368	Immigration & Immigrants	PHL 348	Comparative East-West Philosophy
ANT		PHL 351	Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Philosophy
ANT 306	Culture & Power	PHL 357	Radical Philosophy
ANT 315	Language & Culture	PHL 358	Marxist Philosophy
ANT 336	Topics in Medical Anthropology	PHL 363	African Philosophy
ANT 340	Place, Culture, and Social Justice	PHL 364	Race, Gender and Philosophy
ANT 368	Immigration & Immigrants	PHL 370	Political Philosophy
SWK		PHL 372	Values & Economics
SWK 303	Community Practice & Research	WGS	
SWK 305	Social Services in the Health Field	WGS 350	Feminist Social Change
SWK 307	Mental Health Services	SEE	
SWK 360	International Social Work	SEE 325	Sustainable Development Goals
SWK 370	Advocacy Practice in Social Work	PSY	
SWK 380	Health and Inequality	PSY 341	Social Psychology
POL		PSY 390	Forensic Psychology
POL 300	Political Issues	PSY 431	Interviewing & Counseling
POL 308	Morality Policy	HSS	
POL 309	Health Policy	HSS 302	Community Nutrition
POL 319	Twentieth-Century Political Thought	HSS 384	Food Justice
POL 321	Comparative Politics: Russia & the New States	VAR	
POL 331	Nationalism & Ethnopolitics	VAR 350	Art and Social Practice
POL 336	United Nations System: Theory and Practice	SPN	
POL 340	Gender, Women's Rights and Global Politics	SPN 346	Performing Human Rights in Latin/x America
POL 365	Disaster Policy & Administration	THR	
POL 391	The Politics of International Economic Relations	THR 313	Social Justice & Dramatic Literature
POL 426	Leadership in Building Communities	THR 352	Applied Theatre
POL 450	Civil Liberties	ENG	
POL 452	Political Violence	ENG 366	Health Literacy and Social Justice
HST		MPA	
HST 312	Age of Democratic Revolutions	MPA 561	Nonprofit & Community Leadership
HST 334	History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict	CJS	
HST 337	History of Africa - 19th Century to the Present	CJS 336	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
HST 356	The History of Transnational Feminisms	ECO	
HST 361	U.S. Legal & Constitutional History II	ECO 460	Economic Development & Growth

English Literature - Choose one course from the following: <sup>3</sup>	3
ENG 311 Literature for the Common Good	
ENG 313 Social Justice & Dramatic Literature	
ENG 335 African American Literature	
ENG 336 Gender and Fiction	
ENG 339 American Indian Literature	
ENG 340 US Prison Literature and Culture	
ENG 341 Asian-American Literature	
ENG 345 Postcolonial Literature	
ENG 346 Literature & Human Rights	
ENG 352 Appalachian Literature and Culture	
ENG 360 US Latinx Literature	

Total Hours 54

### Breadth

ASI 150 Introduction to the University Experience	1
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Total hours to total at least 124

<sup>1</sup> Majors must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by passing a University proficiency examination or by completing a language course at the 141 level or higher with a minimum grade of C in one of the following languages:

- Arabic
- French
- German
- Italian
- Mandarin Chinese
- Russian
- Spanish

<sup>2</sup> May include CAP Components.

<sup>3</sup> The English Literature requirement for the HRS major also satisfies the Literature requirement in the Liberal Studies Curriculum.

## Minor in Human Rights Studies (HRS)

The interdisciplinary minor in Human Rights Studies provides students an opportunity to address issues related to human rights from various disciplinary approaches. The universal nature of human rights issues may directly relate to a major, while in other cases this minor will provide an opportunity for broadening one's exposure to these important topics.

The Human Rights Studies minor requires 18 semester hours. It is recommended that the required course be taken in the sophomore year. Students should consult with the Director of Human Rights Studies to ensure that the courses selected from the elective pool display a significant degree of coherence. Courses taken from this minor may be applied to other minors and to breadth and general education requirements.

### Human Rights Studies

POL 333 Politics of Human Rights	3
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POL 334 Politics of Human Rights II	3
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Select one course from: 3

PHL 371 Philosophy & Human Rights	
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REL 363 Faith & Justice	
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Select one course from: 3

ANT 325 Anthropology of Human Rights	
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SOC 371 Sociology of Human Rights	
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Select two courses from:<sup>1,2</sup> 6

ANT 325 Anthropology of Human Rights	
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ANT 360 Making of Modern South Asia	
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ANT 368 Immigration & Immigrants	
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CJS 336 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	
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CMM 355 Rhetoric of Social Movements	
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ECO 460 Economic Development & Growth	
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HST 312 Age of Democratic Revolutions	
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HST 334 History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict	
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HST 337 History of Africa - 19th Century to the Present	
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HST 356 The History of Transnational Feminisms	
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HST 361 U.S. Legal & Constitutional History II	
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HST 399 History of Blacks in the United States Since 1900	
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PHL 314 Philosophy of Law	
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PHL 317 Ethics of War	
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PHL 327 Philosophy of Peace	
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PHL 370 Political Philosophy	
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PHL 371 Philosophy & Human Rights	
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PHL 372 Values & Economics	
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POL 300 Political Issues <sup>3</sup>	
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POL 305 Introduction to Public Administration	
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POL 319 Twentieth-Century Political Thought	
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POL 331 Nationalism & Ethnopolitics	
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POL 406 International Law & Organization	
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POL 450 Civil Liberties	
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POL 452 Political Violence	
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REL 358 Liberation Theologies	
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REL 360 Christian Ethics	
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REL 363 Faith & Justice	
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REL 366 The Holocaust: Theological & Religious Responses	
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SOC 326 Law & Society	
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SOC 328 Racial & Ethnic Relations	
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SOC 339 Social Inequality	
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SOC 345 Sociology of Extremism	
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SOC 368 Immigration & Immigrants	
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SOC 371 Sociology of Human Rights	
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SOC 435 Sociology of Globalization	
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<sup>1</sup> At least one course must be from CMM, HST, PHL, or REL.

<sup>2</sup> Select any course that has not been already used to fulfill other Human Rights Studies Minor requirements.

<sup>3</sup> This course can only be counted when the topic is relevant to human rights.

## Bachelor of Arts, Human Rights Studies

### First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ASI 150		1 HST 103, PHL 103, or REL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons)	3

HST 103, PHL 103, or REL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons)	3	ENG 100 (CAP Humanities Commons)	3
HST 103, PHL 103, or REL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons)	3	ANT 150 (CAP Inquiry, Diversity and Social Justice; Intro Level Social Science)	3
MTH 114 or 207 (Satisfies CAP Mathematics) <sup>1</sup>	3	HRS 200	3
LNG 101	4	LNG 141	2
CMM 100 (CAP Communication)	3		
	17		14

- <sup>1</sup> MTH 207 is the strong preference.
- <sup>2</sup> Students can also take a context course, many of which also count as an HRS elective.
- <sup>3</sup> Some CAP requirements may be fulfilled through the major, especially with HRS electives.

<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
ENG 200 (CAP Writing Seminar)		3 Human Rights in US History (CAP Advanced Historical Studies)	3
POL 214		3 REL 363 or 261 (CAP Faith Traditions)	3
SSC 200		3 PHL 371 (CAP Advanced Philosophy or Religious Studies)	3
POL 207, SOC 208, CMM 412, or PSY 217		3 Skills in Writing Course	3
LNG 201 (in any language) <sup>2</sup>		3 INSS (CAP Natural Science with lab)	4
	15		16

<b>Third Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
POL 333		3 POL 334	3
Experiential Learning Requirement		3 HRS Elective	3
Skills in Organizations and Management		3 HRS Elective	3
SOC 371 or ANT 325 (Social Science Elective)		3 Skills in Communication	3
CAP Arts, Creative and Performing		3 INSS (CAP Natural Science with lab)	4
	15		16

<b>Fourth Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
HRS 497		3 INSS (CAP Natural Science)	3
POL 406		3 CAP Integrative	3
Elective		3 CAP Practical Ethic Action <sup>3</sup>	3
CAP Advanced Philosophy, Religious Studies or Faith Traditions		3 HRS Elective	3
Literature		3 Elective	3
	15		15

Total credit hours: 123

## Font Notice

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