

Human Rights Certificate

Students are introduced to a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of local and global human rights issues. A three-credit global politics of human rights course is required, along with a three-credit human-rights institutions and organizations course. Students then select three electives (nine credits) from a set of approved courses, providing flexibility to pursue particular regional or substantive topics and emphases within the broader arena of human rights studies. Finally, a three credit experiential learning component is required, for a total of 18 credit hours.

Of the 18 hours of qualifying coursework, at least 12 must be from ASU. A Minimum grade of “C” is required for a course to count toward the certificate. The same course may be used to satisfy multiple graduation requirements. There are no language requirements. General education requirements fulfilled by each course are listed following their titles below.

Certificate Courses

1. Global Politics of Human Rights CORE (3 hrs.)

To provide students with a solid understanding of the major issues and frameworks for studying human rights, students may select from:

- JUS 352 The Global Politics of Human Rights
- POS 368 Ethics and Human Rights in Global Politics
- POS 480 Global Justice, G

2. Human Rights Institutions and Organizations (3 hrs.)

To better understand the institutions and organizations designed to define and monitor human rights and remedy their violations, students may select from:

- JUS 355 Human Rights Organizations and Institutions
 - POS 465 International Organization and Law, SB, G
 - SGS 321 International Institutions and Global Governance (not taught since 2014)
- BARRETT HONORS STUDENTS ONLY (BY PETITION):
- LAW 709: International Human Rights Law
 - LAW 791: Int'l Human Rights in Practice (not on the books)

3. Interdisciplinary Component (9 hrs)

To provide students an opportunity to focus on a particular human rights topic and/or region while also providing a broad interdisciplinary framework, students will select three electives on current issues in human rights. Courses must be taken from at least two of the substantive areas listed below, and from two or more academic units. Students may petition the certificate director to have courses not listed below count towards the interdisciplinary (elective) requirement if they contain *explicit* human rights content.

States and Conflict

- AIS 494 American Indian Rights and Movements
- FMS/SLC 494 Latin American Documentary Filmmaking
- HST 370 Eastern Europe in Transition (when available) SB, G, H
- HST 436 The Soviet Experiment, SB, G, H
- JUS 430 Social Protest, Conflict and Change, L or SB, C
- JUS 374 The Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights
- JUS 452 Justice Issues in Israel and Palestine (when available)
- JUS 467 Terrorism, War and Justice, SB
- JUS 469 Political Deviance and the Law, L or SB, C
- JUS 479 Law and Disputing, L or SB
- JUS 494 Torture, War and Human Rights
- LAS 481 Dictatorships and Dirty Wars: Latin American Cinema
- PHI 448 Justice and Reparations
- POS 305 Politics and Film: Human Rights and Human Security through Film (Note: Other versions of POS 305 must be approved for credit by certificate director) SB
- POS 394 Future of War
- REL 388 Religion, Ethics, and International Affairs
- SGS 340 Violence, Conflict, and Human Rights
- SGS 341 Humanitarian Crisis and International Intervention
- SPA 472 Spanish (Latin) American Civilization, HU, H, G

Social Stratification and Human Rights

- AFR 304 Islands of Globalization, SB, G, H
- AFR 305 The Global History of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, SB, H
- AFR 470/ WST 598 Women's International Human Rights
- APA 350/JUS 365 Inequality and Diversity in Education, L, C
- JUS 321 Wealth Distribution and Poverty, SB, C
- JUS 325 Globalization and Socio-Economic Justice, SB, G
- JUS 405 Economic Justice, L or SB, G
- JUS 415 Gender and International Development (when available) L, G
- JUS 477 Youth and Justice, L or SB
- JUS 494 Children's rights and Voices
- WST 365 Women and International Health, G
- WST/ASB 410/SSH 410 Poverty, Social Justice and Global Health, L or SB, G

Marginalization and Human Rights

- AFR 301/JUS 300 Race and Racism in the African Diaspora, SB, G
- AFR 420/JUS 421 Race, Ethnicity and Politics in the African Diaspora, SB, G
- AIS 455 Cultural Resources and the Law
- APA 330 Asian Pacific American Genders and Sexualities, SB, C
- ENG 494 Nonviolence and the Civil Rights Movement
- FMS/SLC 494: Latin American Queer Filmmaking
- HST/JST 304 History of the Holocaust
- JUS 435 Cinema and Justice
- JUS 438 Human Differences: Dilemmas of Justice, L or HU, C
- JUS 456 Human Rights and Sustainability, L or SB, G
- JUS 468 Protest, Justice, Law and the Media, SB
- POS 472 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties, SB
- SGS 343/REL 379 Religion, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict, HU, G
- SPA/SLC 494: Latin American Photography & Human Rights
- WST 313 Women and Sexuality SB, C
- WST 345 Gender, Religion, and Global Violence, SB, G
- WST 378 Global Feminist Theory, L, G
- WST 477 Women and Violence, SB, C

4. Experiential Learning Component (3 hrs):

A central element of this program will be to link theoretical and substantive learning about human rights with practical knowledge about the workings of organizations and institutions seeking to address human rights violations. To better connect classroom learning with practical experience, students will be required to participate in either a for-credit internship with a human rights organization in the U.S. or abroad, or a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) under faculty supervision (honors thesis may substitute). A written component to the internship or REU is required.

Choose one of the following, in coordination with an advisor:

- JUS 484 Internship
- JUS 498 Pro-Seminar: Research Apprenticeship (3)*Honors Thesis may substitute

Enrollment

In order to declare this certificate, students must have a minimum of 56 earned credit hours and must first meet with an academic advisor.

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