Twin Cities Campus

Human Rights Minor

Global Studies Department

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Graduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 9
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The human rights minor provides an interdisciplinary foundation in human rights studies and practical experience in human rights work.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

Special Application Requirements:
Students interested in the minor are strongly encouraged to confer with their major field advisor and director of graduate studies, and the Human Rights director of graduate studies regarding feasibility and requirements.

A letter that includes information regarding the applicants background and motivation for pursuing the minor must be submitted to the Human Rights director of graduate studies.

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for admission to the minor.

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

All students pursuing the Human Rights minor must complete a non-credit, 6-week, professional internship in the field of human rights under the supervision of Human Rights director of graduate studies. The Human Rights director of graduate studies must approve internship placement. The 200 internship hours can be completed at any time during the course of study.

A maximum of 3 credits applied to the minor can be taken on the S/N grade basis. A minimum grade of B must be earned for each A-F course applied to the minor.

The minimum cumulative GPA for minor field coursework is 3.0.

Core Coursework (6 credits)

Select 6 credits from the following in consultation with the Human Rights director of graduate studies.

GLOS 5403 - Human Rights Advocacy (3.0 cr)
HIST 8245 - Human Rights: A Global History (3.0 cr)
LAW 6886 - International Human Rights Law (3.0 cr)
PA 5885 - Human Rights Policy: Issues and Actors (3.0 cr)
SOC 8171 - Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives in Human Rights (3.0 cr)

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Electives (3 to 6 credits)

Master's students select at least 3 credits, and doctoral students select at least 6 credits from the following in consultation with the Human Rights director of graduate studies:

AFRO 5866 - The Civil Rights and Black Power Movement, 1954-1984 (3.0 cr)
AFRO 8202 - Seminar: Intellectual History of Race (3.0 cr)
AFRO 8554 - Seminar: Gender, Race, Nation, and Policy--Perspectives from Within the African Diaspora (3.0 cr)
AMIN 5890 - Readings in American Indian and Indigenous History (3.0 cr)
ANTH 8810 - Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology (3.0 cr)
BTHX 5100 - Introduction to Clinical Ethics (3.0 cr)
BTHX 5220 - Standards for Research with Human Participants: A Lecture Series for Researchers (1.0 cr)
CHIC 5374 - Migrant Farmworkers in the United States: Families, Work, and Advocacy [CIV] (4.0 cr)
CSPH 5111 - Ways of Thinking about Health (2.0 cr)
EPSY 5135 - Human Relations Workshop (4.0 cr)
ESPM 5251 - Natural Resources in Sustainable International Development (3.0 cr)
GLOS 5403 - Human Rights Advocacy (3.0 cr)
HRIR 5252 - Employment and Labor Law for the HRIR Professional (2.0 cr)
KIN 5371 - Sport and Society (3.0 cr)
LAW 6030 - Contemporary Problems in Freedom of Speech and Press (3.0 cr)
LAW 6046 - Human Trafficking (2.0 cr)
LAW 6058 - Human Rights Advocacy (3.0 cr)
LAW 6621 - Rights in Conflict: Citizenship and Human Rights (2.0 cr)
LAW 6827 - Women's International Human Rights (2.0 cr)
LAW 6889 - Laws of War (3.0 cr)
LAW 7400 - CL: Human Rights Litigation and Advocacy (3.0 - 4.0 cr)
LAW 7842 - CL: Immigration and Human Rights (3.0 - 4.0 cr)
OLPD 5104 - Education and the Sustainable Development Goals (3.0 cr)
PA 5151 - Organizational Perspectives on Global Development & Humanitarian Assistance (3.0 cr)
PA 5401 - Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy (3.0 cr)
PA 5414 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
PA 5421 - Racial Inequality and Public Policy (3.0 cr)
PA 5490 - Topics in Social Policy (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
PA 5601 - Global Survey of Gender and Public Policy (3.0 cr)
PA 5690 - Topics in Women, Gender and Public Policy (0.5 - 3.0 cr)
PA 5801 - Global Public Policy (3.0 cr)
PA 5823 - Human Rights and Humanitarian Crises: Policy Challenges (3.0 cr)
PA 5885 - Human Rights Policy: Issues and Actors (3.0 cr)
PA 5890 - Topics in Foreign Policy and International Affairs (0.5 - 5.0 cr)
POL 8260 - Topics in Political Theory (3.0 cr)
POL 8403 - International Norms and Institutions (3.0 cr)
POL 8460 - Topics in International Relations (3.0 cr)
PSY 8210 - Law, Race, and Social Psychology (3.0 cr)
PUBH 6055 - Social Inequalities in Health (2.0 cr)
PUBH 6066 - Building Communities, Increasing Health: Preparing for Community Health Work (2.0 cr)
PUBH 6115 - Worker Protection Law (1.0 cr)
PUBH 6131 - Working in Global Health (2.0 cr)
SOC 8190 - Topics in Law, Crime, and Deviance (3.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Masters

Doctoral

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