

Human Rights Interdisciplinary

Minor

Human rights have become the moral language of today, the idiom in which we discuss our common humanity and weigh competing claims for resources, rights, and protections. The Human Rights Interdisciplinary (HRI) minor at UC Berkeley allows students to shape their education around coursework which investigates the legal, political, historical, economic, social, psychological, and representational dynamics of human rights.

Helping undergraduates explore issues via multiple forms of thought and media of expression—through literature as well as politics, journalism as well as law, film as well as anthropology—the HRI minor emphasizes the many different intellectual spaces in which human rights questions are currently being posed. In so doing, it encourages students to recognize how human rights are intertwined with fields as disparate as postcolonial literature and medical ethics, as well as with the more familiar fields of political science and international law.

Declaring the Minor

The first steps in declaring the HRI minor are to fill out the application form, the program worksheet and meet with a Human Rights Interdisciplinary Minor advisor to get the forms approved and have yourself declared in CalCentral.

The department encourages students to meet with an HRI minor adviser early in their academic careers. Advisers will help craft a plan of study, approve elective courses, and help students connect with the faculty members whose work best fits their academic interests.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but they are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for a letter grade.
2. A minimum of three of the upper division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
5. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

A complete Human Rights Interdisciplinary minor application consists of:

1. Minor Application Form and Program Worksheet.
2. The Completion of L&S Minor form (<https://ls.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/advcompletionoflsmminor.pdf>).

Requirements

Select at least one of the following three courses:

HISTORY C187	The History and Practice of Human Rights (Choose one of the following three courses:)	4
GLOBAL 173	International Human Rights	4
LEGALST 154	Human Rights, Research & Practice	4

Select four courses from the Human Rights Interdisciplinary minor course list.

One course - of the five required for the HRI minor - may be replaced by completing a 3 or 4 unit internship with a human rights organization. Please consult with an HRI minor advisor if you are interested in the internship option.

Permanently Approved HRI Minor Courses

The courses below may be counted in any semester they are offered.

There may be other courses available on campus that are suitable for the minor, however, such courses will require a curriculum petition. Note: Special topics courses require approval by an HRI minor advisor.

AFRICAM 111	Race, Class, and Gender in the United States	3
AFRICAM 112A	Political and Economic Development in the Third World	4
AFRICAM 116	Slavery and African American Life Before 1865	4
AFRICAM 118	The Slave Trade and Culture in the Modern Atlantic World	3
AFRICAM 125	History of the Civil Rights Movement	4
AFRICAM 139	Selected Topics of African American Social Organization and Institutions	1-4
AMERSTD 139AC	Civil Rights and Social Movements in U.S. History	4
AFRICAM/RELIGST 173AC	Gandhi and the Civil Rights Movement in America	3
ANTHRO 150	Utopia: Art and Power in Modern Times	4
ANTHRO 189	Special Topics in Social/Cultural Anthropology (Mass Violence, Representation, and Justice)	4
ANTHRO 189A	Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology/Area (Topics include: Poverty and Rights in the Asian-Pacific AND Poverty, Culture, and Rights)	4
ASAMST 125	Contemporary Issues of Southeast Asian Refugees in the U.S	4
ASAMST 141	Law in the Asian American Community	4
CHICANO 174	Chicanos, Law, and Criminal Justice	4
COM LIT 190	Senior Seminar in Comparative Literature	4
EA LANG 101	Catastrophe, Memory, and Narrative: Comparative Responses to Atrocity in the Twentieth Century	4
ECON 133	Global Inequality and Growth	4
ENGLISH 175	Literature and Disability	4
ENGLISH 180A	Autobiography	4
ESPM 155AC	Sociology and Political Ecology of Agro-Food Systems	4

ESPM 162	Bioethics and Society	4
ESPM 163AC	Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity, and the Environment	4
ESPM 169	International Environmental Politics	4
ETH STD 144AC	Racism and the U.S. Law: Historical Treatment of Peoples of Color	4
ETH STD 173AC	Indigenous Peoples in Global Inequality	4
ETH STD 180	Selected Topics in Comparative Ethnic Studies	1-4
GEOG 130	Food and the Environment	4
GEOG C135	Water Resources and the Environment	3
GEOG C155	Race, Space, and Inequality	4
GEOG 159AC	The Southern Border	4
GLOBAL 173	International Human Rights	4
GPP 115	Global Poverty: Challenges and Hopes	4
GWS 102	Transnational Feminism	4
GWS 141	Interrogating Global Economic "Development"	4
HISTART 190F	Special Topics in Fields of Art History: 19th-20th Century	3-4
HISTORY C139C/ AMERSTD 139AC	Civil Rights and Social Movements in U.S. History	4
HISTORY 100U	Special Topics in Comparative History	4
HISTORY 178	History of the Holocaust	4
HISTORY C187	The History and Practice of Human Rights	4
ISF 100E	The Globalization of Rights, Values, and Laws in the 21st Century	4
L & S C180U	Wealth and Poverty	4
LEGALST 107	Theories of Justice	4
LEGALST 132AC	Immigration and Citizenship	4
LEGALST 138	The Supreme Court and Public Policy	4
LEGALST 140	Property and Liberty	4
LEGALST 154	Human Rights, Research & Practice	4
LEGALST 190	Seminar on Topics in Law and Society (Law, Rights and Minorities)	1-4
POL SCI 123S	Special Topics in International Relations (Gender and International Human Rights)	4
POL SCI 124A	War!	4
POL SCI 124C	Ethics and Justice in International Affairs	4
POL SCI 157B	Constitutional Law of the United States	4
POL SCI 191	Junior Seminar	4
SOCIOL 115G	Health in a Global Society	4
SOCIOL 124	Sociology of Poverty	4
SOCIOL 130	Social Inequalities	4
SOCIOL 137AC	Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity, and the Environment	4
SOCIOL 140	Politics and Social Change	4
SPANISH 135	Studies in Hispanic Literature	4
UGIS 110	Introduction to Disability Studies	3
UGBA 192T	Topics in Corporate Social Responsibility	1-4