



HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

The Forsythe Family Program on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs offers an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor that fosters students' curiosity about human rights and their passion for justice by offering challenging courses with inspiring professors, by encouraging our students to engage in hands-on human rights work, and by engaging in cutting-edge, interdisciplinary human rights research. Through our undergraduate minor, students are challenged to understand the roots of today's most difficult human rights issues and given the critical thinking skills and inspiration to go out and solve them. Students take 18 credit hours from courses in at least two departments. In our interdisciplinary program, that means you can explore human rights topics in fields as diverse as political science and philosophy, sociology and Judaic studies. All our students take a core course, and one of our two capstone opportunities: an experiential learning project or our senior seminar on human rights. Beyond that, all students will enroll in courses covering three of our four themes:

- Law and Institutions
- Philosophy and History
- Culture and Politics
- Community and Engagement

Academics

18 hours of courses as follows:

REQUIRED COURSES

- HRHA / GLST 101 Human Rights in a Global Context
- HRHA 440 Human Rights, Conflict and Community Changemaking or POLS 470 International Human Rights

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- HRHA 495 Experiential Learning in Human Rights

Choose one course in three of the four themes:

THEME 1: LAW & INSTITUTIONS

- HIST / ETHN 340 Rights & Wrongs in American Legal History
- JOMC 222 Social Justice, Human Rights and the Media
- POLS 469 International Law

THEME 2: PHILOSOPHY & HISTORY

- HIST / JUDS 339 The Holocaust
- PHIL 320 Ethical Theory
- POLS 383 Justice and the Good Life

THEME 3: CULTURE & POLITICS

- ANTH / ETHN 351 Exploring Cross Cultural Diversities
- ANTH / GLST / HRHA 474 Development in Theory and Practice
- HRHA / GLST 350 Refugees, Displaced Persons, and (Im)migrants in a Globalized World
- POLS 333 Immigration and Politics
- SPAN 331 War and Human Rights in Latin America

THEME 4: COMMUNITY & ENGAGEMENT

- COMM 465 Communication and Social Identity
- HRHA / ANTH / ENRV / GLST 476 Human Rights, Environment, and Development
- MODL / GLST / POLS 381 Cultures in Transit
- ENVR 319 Environmental Engagement and the Community

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.

Experiences and Opportunities

We strive to give you every opportunity possible to connect what you learn in the classroom with research, internships, education abroad, service learning, and leadership experiences. Equipped with essential skills, as well as a well-honed understanding of how human rights matter in all fields, you can pursue positions in local, state, or national government; diplomacy and international security; intelligence and law enforcement; education; business; consulting; law; or with non-profit organizations.

- Community Changemakers Internship available that pays for and fulfills capstone credit
- Exclusive Jessica Lutton Bedient Scholarship available for HRHA students
- Undergraduate fellowship for research available
- UNL Human Rights RSO on campus