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 social 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.

Academics

18 hours of courses from at least two departments as follows:

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES
Select three courses from List A. Examples include:
- ANTH 476 Human Rights, Environment, and Development
- HIST / WMNS 225 Women in History
- HIST / JUDS 339 The Holocaust
- POLS 384 Liberalism and Its Critics
- POLS 469 International Law
- SOCI / ETHN 217 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
- WMNS 101 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies

COURSES FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION
Select two courses from List B. Examples include:
- ANTH / ETHN 362 Peoples and Cultures of Africa
- COMM 465 Communication and Social Identity
- ENGL / WMNS 212 Introduction to LGBTQ Literature
- ENGL / ETHN 445 Ethnic Literature
- HIST 429 History of Fascism in Europe
- POLS / ETHN / LAMS 277 Latin American Politics

CAPSTONE
Select one.
- HRHA 400 Human Rights Capstone (experiential capstone)
- POLS 470 International Human Rights (seminar capstone)

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.

Experiences and Opportunities

As an HRHA minor, you can explore the world by studying abroad, conducting research with our faculty and by getting involved in our affiliated student organizations, like Amnesty International and Model UN. Our students also pursue a broad range of opportunities to make their mark on the world, from volunteering at a women’s shelter in Rwanda on one of our study abroad scholarships to interning at a local civic organization as part of their experiential capstone course.