Human Rights and Social Justice

Program Requirements

Human Rights and Social Justice

B.A. Honours (20.0 credits)

A. Credits Included in the Major CGPA (9.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit from:
   - HUMR 1001 [1.0] Introduction to Human Rights
   - FYSM 1104 [1.0] Human Rights: Issues and Investigations
   - FYSM 1502 [1.0] Selected Topics in Legal Studies (specifically the section on Global Governance and Human Rights)

   or approved FYSM

2. 0.5 credit in:
   - HUMR 2001 [0.5] Human Rights: Theories and Foundations

3. 0.5 credit in:
   - HUMR 2202 [0.5] Power Relations and Human Rights

4. 0.5 credit from:
   - LAWS 2105 [0.5] Social Justice and Human Rights
   - PHIL 2103 [0.5] Philosophy of Human Rights
   - PSCI 3307 [0.5] Politics of Human Rights

5. 2.5 credits, comprised of 0.5 credit from each of the five Thematic Groups (see list under Course Categories)

6. 1.0 credit at the 4000-level from Thematic Groups and/or Human Rights Electives (see lists under Course Categories)

7. 1.0 credit from Thematic Groups and/or Human Rights Electives (see lists under Course Categories)

B. Credits Not Included in the Major CGPA (11.0 credits)

8. 1.0 credit from Thematic Groups and/or Human Rights Electives (see lists under Course Categories)

Total Credits 20.0

Human Rights and Law with Concentration in Transnational Law and Human Rights

B.A. Combined Honours (20.0 credits)

A. Credits Included in the Major CGPA (7.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit from:
   - HUMR 1001 [1.0] Introduction to Human Rights
   - FYSM 1104 [1.0] Human Rights: Issues and Investigations
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   or approved FYSM

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   - HUMR 2202 [0.5] Power Relations and Human Rights

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B. Additional Credit Requirements (13.0 credits)

7. The requirements for the other discipline must be satisfied

8. Sufficient free electives to make 20.0 credits total for the program

Total Credits 20.0

Human Rights and Social Justice

B.A. General (15.0 credits)

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   or approved FYSM

2. 0.5 credit in:
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   - HUMR 2202 [0.5] Power Relations and Human Rights

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Human Rights and Social Justice

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   or an approved First-Year Seminar

2. 0.5 credit in:
   - HUMR 2001 [0.5] Human Rights: Theories and Foundations

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Total Credits 20.0
Human Rights and Social Justice

Course Categories by Thematic Group

Minor in Human Rights and Social Justice (4.0 credits)

Open to all undergraduate students not in Human Rights and Social Justice B.A. programs.

Requirements:

1. 1.0 credit from:
   - HUMR 1001 [1.0] Introduction to Human Rights
   - or FYSM 1104 [1.0] Human Rights: Issues and Investigations

2. 1.0 credit in:
   - HUMR 2001 [0.5] Human Rights: Theories and
     & HUMR 2202 [0.5] Foundations
     Power Relations and Human Rights

3. 1.0 credit at the 2000-level or higher in Human Rights
   (HUMR) courses

4. 1.0 credit at the 3000-level or higher in Human Rights
   (HUMR) courses

Total Credits: 4.0

Course Categories by Thematic Group

Some of the Human Rights Electives have prerequisites that are not explicitly included in the program. Students should plan to have credit for the prerequisites of each course in their program or ask to have the prerequisite waived.

Laws and Institutions

- LAWS 2105 [0.5] Social Justice and Human Rights
- LAWS 2601 [0.5] Public International Law
- LAWS 3401 [0.5] Employment Law
- LAWS 3509 [0.5] The Charter of Rights Topics
- LAWS 3602 [0.5] International Human Rights
- LAWS 3604 [0.5] International Organizations
- LAWS 4601 [0.5] Transnational Law and Human Rights
- LAWS 4606 [0.5] International Law of Armed Conflict
- LAWS 4607 [0.5] Immigration and Refugee Law
- PSCI 2601 [0.5] International Relations: Global Politics
- PSCI 3600 [0.5] International Institutions
- PSCI 4109 [0.5] The Politics of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Critical Principles

- HIST 3510 [0.5] Indigenous Peoples of Canada

Marginalized Groups, Diversities & Identities

- ANTH 2020 [0.5] Race and Ethnicity
- ANTH 3020 [0.5] Studies in Race and Ethnicity
- ANTH 3600 [0.5] Studies in Anthropology and Indigenous Peoples
- ANTH 4020 [0.5] Advanced Studies in Race and Ethnicity
- ANTH 4610 [0.5] Advanced Studies in Indigenous Peoples

- HIST 3403 [1.0] Comparative Slavery and Emancipation in the Atlantic World
- HIST 3710 [0.5] Themes in Caribbean History
- HUMR 2102 [0.5] Sexuality, Gender, and Security
- HUMR 2301 [0.5] Human Rights and Sexualities
- HUMR 3301 [0.5] Racialization, Racism and Human Rights
- HUMR 3302 [0.5] Culture, Religion, and Women's Human Rights
- HUMR 3303 [0.5] Children's Rights
- HUMR 4302 [0.5] Transgender Human Rights
- HUMR 4303 [0.5] Disability Rights
- HUMR 4401 [0.5] Gender, Citizenship and Social Justice in a Transnational World

- INDG 2011 [0.5] Contemporary Indigenous Studies
- INDG 3011 [0.5] Indigenous Rights, Resistance, and Resurgence

- LAWS 3503 [0.5] Equality and Discrimination
- LAWS 3504 [0.5] Law and Aboriginal Peoples
- LAWS 4001 [0.5] Law, Family and Gender
- LAWS 4002 [0.5] Feminist Theories of Law
- LAWS 4504 [0.5] Aboriginal Criminal Justice
- PSCI 2500 [0.5] Gender and Politics
- PSCI 3805 [0.5] Politics of Race
- PSCI 4206 [0.5] Indigenous Politics of North America
- PSCI 4403 [0.5] Reproductive Rights Policy in North America

- HUMR 2202 [0.5] Power Relations and Human Rights
- HUMR 3202 [0.5] Human Rights and Resistance
- HUMR 3503 [0.5] Global Environmental Justice
- HUMR 4201 [0.5] Citizenship and Human Rights
- LAWS 2105 [0.5] Social Justice and Human Rights
- LAWS 4002 [0.5] Feminist Theories of Law
- LAWS 4101 [0.5] Contemporary Justice Theories
- LAWS 4102 [0.5] Controversies in Rights Theory
- LAWS 4105 [0.5] Global Justice Theory
- PHIL 2101 [0.5] History of Ethics
- PHIL 2103 [0.5] Philosophy of Human Rights
- PHIL 2306 [0.5] Philosophy and Feminism
- PHIL 2307 [0.5] Gender and Philosophy
- PHIL 2408 [0.5] Bioethics
- PHIL 3320 [0.5] Contemporary Ethical Theory
- PHIL 3330 [0.5] Topics in History of Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 3340 [0.5] Topics in Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy
- PSCI 3109 [0.5] The Politics of Law and Morality
- PSCI 3307 [0.5] Politics of Human Rights
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WGST 4807 [0.5] Gender and Health in a Globalized World

Human Rights Electives
HUMR 3001 [0.5] Special Topics in Human Rights
HUMR 4905 [0.5] Practicum Placement in Human Rights I
HUMR 4906 [0.5] Practicum Placement in Human Rights II
HUMR 4907 [0.5] Special Topic in Human Rights
HUMR 4908 [0.5] Independent Study

Human Rights (HUMR) Courses

HUMR 1001 [1.0 credit]
Introduction to Human Rights
Human rights from an interdisciplinary perspective. Topics may include the foundations and nature of rights, roots of inequality and oppression, aboriginal rights, racism, women and rights, sexual orientation, state and corporate power, economic exploitation, the environment and rights, warfare, torture, and social movements.
Prerequisites: additional credit for FYSM 1104 and ISSC 1001/ANTH 1010/SOCI 1010 (no longer offered). Lecture and discussion groups three hours a week.

HUMR 2001 [0.5 credit]
Human Rights: Theories and Foundations
Historical overview of the theoretical and philosophical approaches underlying the human rights movement and relevant to the normative ideals and aspirations of human rights and to the strategies of their implementation.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures and discussion groups three hours a week.

HUMR 2102 [0.5 credit]
Sexuality, Gender, and Security
Historical and contemporary analysis of surveillance, security, and regulation of sexuality, race, class, and gender. Students will critically examine how ‘subversives’ were created through discourse and administrative logics such as policy and law.
Also listed as SXST 2102.
Prerequisite(s): second year standing or permission from the Institute.
Lectures and discussions three hours a week.

HUMR 2202 [0.5 credit]
Power Relations and Human Rights
The study of power from a critical, transnational perspective; the impact on human rights of different forms and modalities of power, including those emanating from the state and corporations and those implicated in socio-economic and other hierarchical relations.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures and discussion groups three hours a week.

HUMR 2301 [0.5 credit]
Human Rights and Sexualities
Human rights issues in various cultural contexts concerning sex and/or gender, with attention to sexual minorities such as gay, lesbian, and transgendered persons. Forms of discrimination against sexual minorities and the mechanisms and strategies for redress.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures and discussion groups three hours a week.

HUMR 2401 [0.5 credit]
Political Repression: Impacts and Responses
Canada is home-in-exile to many who have faced severe and often life-threatening political repression such as imprisonment, torture, surveillance, population transfer, etc. This course examines the impacts on survivors of political repression, and strategies used to overcome its legacies.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures and discussion groups three hours a week.

HUMR 2402 [0.5 credit]
Agents of Political Violence
The processes used in preparing individuals to commit torture, murder and other forms of violence on behalf of a state or associated organizations, and how such violence is justified by its direct perpetrators, their commanders (police/military and political), and members of their society.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures and discussion groups three hours a week.

HUMR 2502 [0.5 credit]
Social and Political Movements
The underlying conditions and developments of historical and contemporary social and political movements; specific social movements such as civil rights or gay rights.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures and discussion groups three hours a week.

HUMR 3001 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Human Rights
This advanced seminar will cover current and topical issues and/or debates in human rights, and will enable students to engage in focused discussions and analyses of these issues. Topics will vary from year to year.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.
HUMR 3002 [0.5 credit]
Right to the City
“The right to the city” as an emerging focus of advocacy and analysis in urban movements for social justice around especially the local and transnational dimensions of the “right to the city” movement.
Precludes additional credit for HUMR 3001 if taken prior to 2013-14.
Prerequisite(s): third year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMR 3202 [0.5 credit]
Human Rights and Resistance
This course problematizes human rights paradigms and critically examines the limitations of the political within liberal democracies. Bringing together theory and politics, alternative approaches to activism are explored. Topics may include struggles grounded in radical democracy, anti-capitalism, and social justice perspectives.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMR 3301 [0.5 credit]
Racialization, Racism and Human Rights
The forms and effects of systemic race-based human rights abuses. Topics may include immigration and refugee policies and practices, anti-apartheid regimes, racial profiling, the racial politics of nationhood; and armed conflict, civil rights and resistance movements in differing cultural contexts.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMR 3302 [0.5 credit]
Culture, Religion, and Women’s Human Rights
The impact of cultural and religious traditions on women’s human rights. Topics may include the impact of gender roles on the status of women, cultural relativism, and strategies used to advance women’s human rights such as NGOs engagements with CEDAW.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMR 3303 [0.5 credit]
Children’s Rights
This course profiles the global human rights issues of children and relates them to the international treaties and mechanisms to address them. Topics may include children in armed conflict; child sex tourism; the rights of indigenous children; and gender-based violence against children.
Also listed as CHST 3303.
Precludes additional credit for CHST 3901 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMR 3401 [0.5 credit]
Histories of Persecution and Genocide
Case studies in persecution and/or genocide in different cultural contexts. The social, political, and legal conditions that have enabled the institutional or state-sanctioned persecution of targeted groups, and the circumstances that had an impact on their decline.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMR 3501 [0.5 credit]
Social, Economic and Cultural Rights
The development of social, economic and cultural rights, including rights to housing, healthcare, education and employment. Topics may include the international geopolitics of the historical tension between these rights and civil and political rights.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMR 3502 [0.5 credit]
Corporations and Human Rights
Corporate involvement in human rights violations, with attention to how corporations encourage, participate in, and benefit from political repression and warfare. How the relationship between corporate and state interests affects the implementation of measures for corporate accountability.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMR 3503 [0.5 credit]
Global Environmental Justice
Overview of critical debates on environmental issues from a global social justice perspective. Topics may include corporate mining, food sovereignty, poverty, economic exploitation, Indigenous cosmologies and environmental justice, militarization and environmental degradation, privatization of water and climate change.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMR 3504 [0.5 credit]
Public Health and Human Rights
Through a social-scientific analysis of AIDS, this course explores HIV/AIDS as a case study for understanding the politics of public health. Students will critically interrogate the authority of science and explore avenues for democratizing biomedicine and public health policy in various national and policy contexts.
Precludes additional credit for HUMR 3001 Section "A" if taken in 2013-14 and 2014-15.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures three hours a week.
HUMR 4201 [0.5 credit]
Citizenship and Human Rights
The relationship between citizenship and human rights; how large groups of people, including non-citizens and refugees, are excluded from entitlements to rights. Why human rights rest on citizenship, and with what implications.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMR 4302 [0.5 credit]
Transgender Human Rights
Critical analyses of human rights through an examination of transgender subjectivities. The systemic erasure of trans people within society and the struggles of some activists to normalize trans identities.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMR 4303 [0.5 credit]
Disability Rights
A critical approach to the study of disability rights by exploring the intersections of disability with race, sexuality, gender, colonialism, ‘health’, and other discourses.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMR 4401 [0.5 credit]
Gender, Citizenship and Social Justice in a Transnational World
This seminar critically engages with transnational, gendered, classed, and racialized discursive practices of citizenship, human rights, the geopolitics of knowledge and processes of dehumanization through the lenses of decolonial social justice.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMR 4402 [0.5 credit]
Terror and Human Rights
The human rights implications of terror, terrorism and/or the war on terror. Topics may include the use of terrorism as a justification for the use of military force, and the impact of racial profiling, arrest warrants, security certificates, detentions; and deportations.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMR 4404 [0.5 credit]
Rights of Refugees and Displaced Persons
Contemporary issues concerning the rights of refugees and displaced persons, from social, political, and legal perspectives; Canadian and international dimensions of these issues.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMR 4502 [0.5 credit]
Global Indigenous Knowledges and Movements
Indigenous Peoples contributions to world knowledge through community resistance, social movements and scholarship. How processes of corporate globalization impact Indigenous Peoples lives as an ongoing process of normalizing a reconfigured modern coloniality of power.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMR 4905 [0.5 credit]
Practicum Placement in Human Rights I
This course provides students with the opportunity to spend one day per week (6-8 hours) working and learning at a human rights-related government, research or advocacy organization. A written report is required at the end of the placement. Graded as Sat/Uns.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in Human Rights or permission of the Institute.

HUMR 4906 [0.5 credit]
Practicum Placement in Human Rights II
This course provides students with the opportunity to spend one day per week (6-8 hours) working and learning at a human rights-related government, research or advocacy organization. A written report is required at the end of the placement. Graded as Sat/Uns.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in Human Rights and a GPA of 9.8 or higher or permission of the Institute.

HUMR 4907 [0.5 credit]
Special Topic in Human Rights
This course features a detailed study of a special topic in any area of Human Rights. Topics and themes will vary from year to year.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMR 4908 [0.5 credit]
Independent Study
Essays and/or examinations based on a bibliography constructed by the student in consultation with an instructor.
Prerequisite(s): normally restricted to students with at least 3.0 credits of Human Rights courses with at least a CGPA of 9.0 or better in Human Rights courses and permission of the Institute.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

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