

HUMAN RIGHTS (HR)

(This program replaces the Thematic Major in Human Rights and Global Studies.)

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HUMAN RIGHTS DEGREES/PROGRAMS OFFERED

3-year BA

4-year BA

Minor

INTRODUCTION

The Human Rights program examines human rights in global contexts, as mechanisms to address issues of human dignity, social justice, and global citizenship. The program explores the origins and rise of human rights concepts, and the continuing evolution of human rights definitions and debates. The program aims to equip students for education and advocacy in human rights, and to understand ways to respond to human rights abuses. A guiding premise of the program is that "human rights" are understood in multiple ways and contexts; the program includes courses from diverse fields such as anthropology, business, conflict resolution, criminal justice, international development, history, philosophy, religious and cultural studies, and women's and gender studies.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN HUMAN RIGHTS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for entry. Students must consult with the program coordinator or designate in planning their course of study.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	90 credit hours
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	
Degree:	30 credit hours
Major:	18 credit hours
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	
Humanities:	12 credit hours
Sciences:	6 credit hours
Writing:	Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
Indigenous:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Maximum Introductory courses:	Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of six may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 48 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.
Distribution:	A minimum of three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects
MAJOR REQUIREMENT	
Single Major:	36 credit hours
Double Major:	36 credit hours in Human Rights and specified number of credit hours in other department/program.

Required Courses: Students must complete the following core courses (24 credit hours):

HR/IDS-1200(3)	Introduction to Global Citizenship
WGS-1232(6)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
HR-2100(3)	Concepts and Conventions in Human Rights
HR-2200/HIST-2512(3)	History of Human Rights in Canada
UIC/POL/IS-2020(3)	Colonization and Indigenous Peoples
HR/CRS-3410(3)	Models of Transitional Justice
HR-3210(3)	Human Rights Institutions

HR Electives: Students must complete 6 credit hours of HR Elective Courses.
Any HR numbered course that is not a Core Course can be used as an HR Elective course.

Area Courses: Minimum of 6 credit hours of Area Courses.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN HUMAN RIGHTS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for entry. Students must consult with the program coordinator or designate in planning their course of study.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	120 credit hours
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	
Degree:	60 credit hours
Major:	30 credit hours
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	
Humanities:	12 credit hours
Sciences:	6 credit hours
Social Sciences:	12 credit hours
Writing:	Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
Indigenous:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Maximum Introductory courses:	Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of six may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.
Distribution:	A minimum of three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects
MAJOR REQUIREMENT	
Single Major:	48 credit hours
Double Major:	48 credit hours in Human Rights and specified number of credit hours in other department/program

Required Courses: Students must complete the following core courses (30 or 33 credit hours):

HR/IDS-1200(3)	Introduction to Global Citizenship
WGS-1232(6)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
HR-2100(3)	Concepts and Conventions in Human Rights
HR-2200/HIST-2512(3)	History of Human Rights in Canada
UIC/POL/IS-2020(3)	Colonization and Indigenous Peoples
HR-3210(3)	Human Rights Institutions
HR/CRS-3410(3)	Models of Transitional Justice
HR-3510(3 or 6)	Practicum in Human Rights
HR-4001(3)	Capstone in Human Rights

HR Electives: Minimum of 6 credit hours of HR Elective Courses.
Any HR numbered course that is not a Core Course can be used as an HR Elective course.

Area Courses: Minimum of 12 credit hours of Area Courses.

Cognate Requirement (18 credit hours)

- Minimum of 3 credit hours from designated Research Methods and Skills Courses
- Minimum of 3 credit hours from designated Organizational and Applied Skills Courses
- Minimum of 3 credit hours from designated Ethics Courses
- 6 credit hours of post-secondary language other than English, or documented proficiency in a second language to the satisfaction of the Coordinator of Human Rights
- 3 Additional credits from Area Courses as needed to fulfill minimum of 18 credit hours in Cognate requirements

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Degree:	Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor.
Minor:	18 credit hours in the Minor subject from the Core and Elective lists, including the required courses listed below.
Residence Requirement:	Minimum 12 credit hours in the Minor subject
Required Courses:	HR/IDS-1200(3) Introduction to Global Citizenship HR-2100(3) Concepts and Conventions in Human Rights HR-2200/HIST-2512(3) History of Human Rights in Canada
Restrictions:	Students cannot declare the same subject as a Major and a Minor.

COURSE LISTINGS

Core courses

HR/IDS-1200(3)	Introduction to Global Citizenship
WGS-1232(6)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
HR-2100(3)	Concepts and Conventions in Human Rights
HR-2200/HIST-2512(3)	History of Human Rights in Canada
UIC/POL/IS-2020(3)	Colonization and Indigenous Peoples
HR-3210(3)	Human Rights Institutions
HR/CRS-3410(3)	Models of Transitional Justice
HR-3510(3 or 6)	Practicum in Human Rights
HR-4001(3)	Capstone in Human Rights

Elective Courses

HR-2600(6)	Emerging Issues in Human Rights
HR-2310(3)	Refugees, Resettlement, and Resilience
HR-2540(3)	Global Human Rights Advocacy
HR-2650 (3 or 6)	Special Topics in Human Rights
POL-2410(6)	Human Rights and Civil Liberties in Canada
HR/SOC-3003(3)	Genocide
HR/CRS-3272(3)	Refugees and Forced Migration
HR-3550(3)	Human Rights, Human Security & the UN
HR-3650 (3 or 6)	Special Topics in Human Rights
HR-3750(3 or 6)	Directed Readings in Human Rights
CRS/HR-3931(3)	Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
IS/LING/HR-4025 (3)	Indigenous Languages: Culture, Rights and Conflicts
HR-4210(3 or 6)	Human and Indigenous Rights in Latin America
HR/CRS-4350/GDP-7731(3)	Post-Conflict Truth, Memory and Reconciliation
HR-4450/GDP-7730(3)	Human Rights Approaches to Health
HR-4650 (3 or 6)	Special Topics in Human Rights
HR-4671(3 or 6)	Independent Study in Human Rights
HR-4704(3)/GDP-7730	Health and Sustainable Development
HR-4750(3 or 6)	Directed Readings in Human Rights

Area Courses

* Denotes courses with departmental prerequisite(s)

ANTH/IDS-3160(3)	Cultural Perspectives on Global Processes*
CJ-2125(3)	Victimology*
CJ-3121(3)	Race Relations and the Criminal Justice System*
CJ-3201(3)	Comparative Crime and Criminal Justice*
CRS/IDS-2443(3)	Conflict and Development Issues in Indigenous Communities*
CRS-2231(3)	Nonviolent Social Change*
CRS-2241(3)	Conflict and Culture*
CRS-3242(3)	Women and Peacemaking*
CRS-3331(3)	Genocide, War and Conflict*
DIS-1003(3)	Introduction to Disability Studies I
DIS-1004(3)	Introduction to Disability Studies II
ECON-2317(3)	Environmental Economics *
ECON-3115(3)	Gender and the Economy*
ECON-3305(3)	Economic Development*
ECON-3306(3)	International Aspects of Economic Development*
ENGL-2722(6)	Postcolonial Literature and Culture*
ENGL/IS-3717(6)	Indigenous Literatures and Cultures*
ENGL/IS-3723(3/6)	Topics in Indigenous Texts and Cultures*
ENGL-3724(3/6)	Topics in Race and Ethnicity*
ENGL-3180(3/6)	The Making of Peace and War in Literature*
ENGL-3901(6)	Queer Literature, Culture and Theory*
ENGL-3920(3)	Representations of Disability in Literary and Cultural Texts*
GEOG-2411(3)	Geography of Globalization*
GEOG-2417(3)	Introduction to Economic Geography*
HIST/IDS-2130(6)	A History of the Developing World*
HIST-2113(6)	History of Slavery
HIST-2328(3)	Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust
HIST-3617(3)	Indigenous Peoples and Treaties
HIST-3543(6)	Immigration to Canada
IS-3100(3)	International Rights of Indigenous Peoples*
IDS-2171(3)	Crisis, Humanitarian Aid and Development*
IDS/CRS-3901(3)	Humanitarian Aid and Conflict: Do No Harm*
PHIL/POL-2200(6)	Social and Political Philosophy

POL-2100(6)	Introduction to Global Politics
POL-3110(3)	International Organization
POL-3120(3)	International Law
POL-3130(3)	Canada in World Affairs*
POL-3135(3)	Global Security
POL-3400(3)	Indigenous Politics in Canada
POL-3405(3)	Indigenous Politics in Manitoba
POL-3411(3)	Indigenous People in Canada and the Law
POL-3415(3)	Indigenous Justice and Canadian Law
POL-3510(3)	Interest Groups and New Social Movements
POL-3315(3)	The Canadian Legal System
PHIL-2208(3)	War and Peace
PHIL-3507(3)	17 th Century Philosophy*
REL-2402(3)	Fundamentalisms in Global Perspective
REL-2405(3)	Religion and Culture: The Multifaith Society
REL-3504/4504(3)	The Problem of Evil*
RHET-2141(3)	Representations of Indigeneity*
RHET-4420	Rhetorics of Identity*
RHET-4151(3)	Critical Theories of Discourse and Ideology*
RHET-3153(3)	Studies in the Rhetorics of Gender*
SOC-3304(3)	Immigrant Families*
SOC-3305(3)	International Migration*
SOC-3333(3)	Liberation Sociology*
UIC/WGS-3020(3)	Women & the Inner City
UIC-3240(3)	Poverty & the Law
UIC-3050(3)	Immigration & the Inner City
WGS-2251(6)	Gender, Race and Nation in Canada

Human Rights Cognate Categories

Research Methods and Skills

ANTH-3125/4125(3)	Ethnographic Research Methods*
CJ-2101(3)	Criminal Justice Research Methods*
CRS/IDS-3920(3)	Action Research Methods*
CRS/IDS-4922(3)	Program Evaluation in Development and Conflict Resolution*
POL-3225(3)	Quantitative Methods in Political Science*
PSYC-2101(3)	Introduction to Data Analysis*
PSYC-2102(3)	Introduction to Research Methods*
REL-3804/4804(3)	Indigenous Spirituality: Research Methods*
RHET-3320(3)	Forms of Inquiry*
SOC-2125(3)	Intro to Qualitative Research Methods*
SOC-2126(3)	Intro to Research Design and Qualitative Research*
WGS-3200(6)	Feminist Research Methods*

Organizational and Applied Skills

ACS-1809(3)	Website Design and Development
BUS-2010(3)	Fundamentals of Financial Management and Administration
BUS/UIC/IS-2030(3)	Management and Financial Administration for Community Leadership*
BUS-3250(3)	Not-For-Profit Management*
BUS-3255(3)	Social Enterprise: From Theory to Practice*
CRS/IDS-4920(3)	Program Planning in Development and Conflict Resolution*
RHET-2530(3)	Rhetorical Grammar*
RHET-3340(3)	Strategies for Technical and Professional Communication*
THFM-3502(6)	Drama in Education

Ethics

BUS-3110(3)	Ethics in Management*
CJ-3205(3)	Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice*
IDS-3101(3)	Development Ethics*
CRS-3231(3)	Ethics in Conflict Resolution*
PHIL-2202(3)	Health Care and Bioethics
PHIL-2201(6)	Moral Philosophy
PHIL-2233(3)	Environmental Ethics

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called "All course descriptions" in the "Academic Calendar" section of the University website:

<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html>