

HUMAN RIGHT STUDIES, MINOR

College of Letters & Science

Human Rights Minor (<https://human-rights.ucdavis.edu/human-rights-minor/>)

The Human Rights Minor provides students with an opportunity to explore human rights as a critical element of our contemporary world.

Courses in the minor approach human rights as a problem for humanity, policy, advocacy and humanitarian action, as well as a subject for historical, ethical, social scientific and cultural study. Students will examine moments of terrible human rights abuse: genocide, slavery, colonialism, Apartheid, and sexual and gender-based violence. They will also learn about movements to protect and promote human rights, including the elaboration of the contemporary human rights régime, efforts by international and local non-governmental human rights organizations, and artistic and literary responses to human rights challenges.

The minor is administered by the Human Rights Studies Program (<https://human-rights.ucdavis.edu/>).

Program Objectives

In addition to completing HMR 134, students must take three additional Core Courses and one course from the Elective Course list.

Advising

Consult the Department office (<http://human-rights.ucdavis.edu/>).

Code	Title	Units
HMR 134	Human Rights	4
<i>Core Courses (12 Units)</i>		
Choose three from the following:		12
HMR/AHI 120A	Art, Architecture, & Human Rights	
HMR 130	Special Topics in Human Rights	
HMR 131	Genocide	
HMR 136	Human Rights in the Middle East	
HMR 138	Human Rights, Gender, & Sexuality	
HMR 140A	Human Rights & the Popular Imagination	
HMR 140B	Art & Politics of Memory: Truth, Justice, Reconciliation & Human Rights	
HMR/HIS 161	Human Rights in Latin America	
HMR 162Y/ HIS 126Y	The History of Human Rights in Europe	
HMR 190	Seminar	
In addition to the courses listed above, any HMR course between 100-199 will count towards the core course requirement.		
See HMR 100-199 courses. (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/courses-subject-code/hmr/)		
Human Rights Studies Subtotal		16
Elective Courses (4 Units)		

Choose one from the following or seek the approval of the program advisor for an unlisted course that treats a human rights related topic: 4

Suggested Electives

AAS 180	Race & Ethnicity in Latin America
AMS 156	Race, Culture & Society in the United States
ANT 126A	Anthropology of Development
HIS 115E	Slavery, Africa, & the Atlantic World
HIS 142A	History of the Holocaust
HIS 142B	The Memory of the Holocaust
HIS 159	Women & Gender in Latin American History
HIS 165	Latin American Social Revolutions
or HIS 165V	Latin American Social Revolutions
HIS 184	History of Sexuality in America
NAS 120	Ethnopolitics of South American Indians
POL 124	The Politics of Global Inequality
SOC/IRE 104	The Political Economy of International Migration

Other Electives

ANT 126B	Women & Development
ANT 130A	Cultural Dimensions of Globalization
CHI 130	United States-Mexican Border Relations
HIS 115D	Postcolonial Africa
HIS 172	American Environmental History
HIS 177B	History of Black People & American Race Relations: 1860-Present
MSA 150	Women & Islamic Discourses
NAS 180	Native American Women
POL 126	Ethnic Self-Determination & International Conflict
POL 142B	Comparative Development: Politics & Inequality
POL 146B	Politics of Africa: Development in Africa
POL 152	The Constitutional Politics of the Equality
POL 166	Women in Politics
POL 168	Latino Politics
POL 176	Racial Politics
SOC 130	Race Relations
SOC 160	Sociology of the Environment
WMS 140	Gender & Law
WMS 145	Women's Movements in Transnational Perspective
WMS 148	(Discontinued for fall 2022) **
WMS 170	Queer Studies (Discontinued for summer 2026) **
or GSW 170	Queer Studies
WMS 175	Gender & Experience of Race (Discontinued for spring 2026) **
or GSW 175	Gender & Experience of Race
WMS 182	Globalization, Gender & Culture
WMS 184	Gender in the Arab World

Elective Courses Subtotal 4

Total Units 20

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Course(s) discontinued; see your advisor for course options.