HUMAN RIGHTS
2014-2015 concentration information

Applies to MPP concentrations and MPA focus/concentrations

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The concentration in Human Rights is a pre-approved self-designed concentration intended to provide an interdisciplinary foundation in human rights studies and practical experience in human rights work. Students interested in Human Rights may also consider pursuing a Graduate Minor in Human Rights offered by the Human Rights Program in the College of Liberal Arts. Students interested in considering a concentration or a graduate minor in human rights should meet with their advisors and with Mary Curtin.

Deciding between the Graduate Minor in Human Rights and Humphrey School Human Rights Concentration

The Human Rights Program in the College of Liberal Arts offers a graduate Minor in Human Rights that is open to all graduate students already enrolled in a degree program at the University. (For more information, see the Human Rights Program website at http://hrp.cla.umn.edu/academics/graduate_minor.php) Humphrey students may choose to complete the requirements for the minor and apply these to their concentration or to select the concentration without working toward the minor. The requirements for the concentration and for the minor, and the differences between the two options are outlined below:

Requirements for the Humphrey School Concentration

- Completion of nine credit hours from any two of the three core courses listed below (or others offered in the future) and at least one elective course (3 credits) from the designated elective course list, also below. Core courses may not be taken S-N.
- Can include PA courses
- Substitutions require the approval of the Humphrey Human Rights Concentration coordinator
- No specific internship requirement
- Concentration is not reflected on degree or transcript

Requirements for Graduate Minor in Human Rights

- Admission to the degree requires the approval of Professor Barbara Frey, DGS for the Graduate Minor in Human Rights and filing of the program with the CLA
through completion of a one-page form. (hrminor@umn.edu)

- Completion of nine credit hours, including any two of the three core courses listed below (or others offered in the future) and at least one elective course (3 credits) taken from the designated elective course list, also below. Courses may not be taken S-N.
- Substitutions require the approval of the graduate minor DGS.
- For Humphrey School students, Public Affairs (PA) designated courses cannot be included in the nine credit hours required for the degree. All nine credit hours must be for courses offered by other departments or schools.
- Completion of a 200-hour internship in a human rights-related area approved by the Human Rights Minor DGS. This internship may be applicable towards the 400 hour Humphrey requirement for Public Policy students. (Contact Humphrey School Career Services for clarification.)

Core Courses (two of the following three are required for either the Concentration or the Minor—see the Human Rights Program website for detailed course descriptions.

- LAW 6886, International Human Rights Law (Weissbrodt/Frey)
- SOC 8090: Topics in Sociology: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives on Human Rights (Boyle)
- GLOS 5403/Law 6058, Human Rights Advocacy (Frey)

Elective Courses (Others may be allowed with approval of concentration head or minor DGS; PA courses do not count toward the graduate minor but do count toward the concentration.) For the concentration, electives may be taken S-N up to the allowable limit of less than one third of total course credits. The following list is of courses available for Fall 2014; a list for Spring 2015 will be made available.

ACL 5220: Philanthropy, Development, and Strategic Leadership (Trow), 3 credits
AFRO 5866/PA 5490: The Civil Rights and Black Power Movement, 1954-1984 (Mayes), 3 credits
ANTH 8810: Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology: History, Memory and Haunting (Langford), 3 credits
BTHX 5210: Ethics of Human Subjects Research (Miles/Turner), 3 credits
BTHX 5400: Intro Ethics in Health Policy (DeBruin), 3 credits
CHIC 5920: Topics in Chicana(o) Studies: Subjectivity, Power and Resistance (Patino), 3 credits
CSPH 5211: Peacemaking and Spirituality: A Journey Toward Healing and Strength (Umbreit), 2-3 credits
DSSC 8111: Approaches to Knowledge and Truth: Ways of Knowing in Development Studies and Social Change (Skaria), 2 credits
EDHD 5010: Cultures, Schools, and Communities: Human Relations (Goh), 2 credits
EMS 8250: Seminar in Early Modern Studies: Colonial Cultures and Identities in Latin America (Chambers), 3 credits
EPSY 8406: Professional Ethics for Counselors and Psychologists (Burke), 3 credits
ESPM 5251: Natural Resources in Sustainable International Development, Current, 3 credits
GEOG 5385: Globalization and Development: Political Economy (Samatar), 4 credits
GER 8300: Topics in Literature and Cultural Theory: Displacing German-Jewish Transnational Culture (McCormick), 3 credits
HIST 5831: Cultural Fallout: The Cold War and Its Legacy: Readings (May), 3 credits
HRIR 5252: Employment and Labor Law for the HRIR Professional (O'Toole), 2 credits
HSG 8463: Housing: Race and Class (Crump), 3 credits
JOUR 5777: Contemporary Problems in Freedom of Speech and Press (Kirtley), 3 credits
LAW 6602: International Law (Staff), 3 credits
LAW 6873: Seminar: Nonprofit Law (Staff), 2-3 credits  
LAW 6648: International Criminal Law (Jain), 3 credits  
LAW 6706: Punishing Corporations and Governments (Jain), 3 credits  
OLPD 5721: Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education (Gupton), 3 credits  
OLPD 8022: Education and Globalization: Anthropological Perspectives (Shirazi), 3 credits  
PA 5281: Immigrants, Urban Planning and Policymaking in the U.S. (Allen), 3 credits  
PA 5401: Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy (Hanratty), 3 credits  
PA 5451: Immigrant Health Issues (Fennelly), 3 credits  
PA 5522: International Development Policy, Families, and Health (Friedemann-Sanchez), 3 credits  
PA 8312: Analysis of Discrimination (Myers), 4 credits  
PA 8890/GLOS 5900/POL 5810: Advanced Topics in Foreign Policy and International Affairs: Managing Global Crises: Human Rights and Humanitarian Challenges for Policy Makers and Practitioners (Schwartz), 3 credits  
PHIL 5622: Philosophy and Feminist Theory (Scheman), 3 credits  
POL 8460: Topics in International Relations: Global Civil Society (Ron), 3 credits  
PUBH 6801: Health and Human Rights (Allison), 3 credits  
PUBH 6804: Community Mental Health (McAlpine), 2 credits  
SPAN 5590: The Impact of Globalization in Latin American Discourses (Ramos-Garcia), 3 credits  
SW 8152 Advanced Interventions and Issues in Health, Disabilities, and Aging (HDA) (Remke), 3 credits

**Human Rights Internships**

The internship experience is designed to offer students an opportunity to observe and participate in human rights practice first-hand. The Human Rights Program will assist students in contacting organizations that provide human rights internships locally, nationally or internationally. Students pursuing the graduate minor are required to complete 200 hours of work in an approved internship; these hours can count toward the Humphrey School MPP requirement. (See Career Services for further information.) Humphrey MPP students pursuing a concentration are encouraged to do their Humphrey internship in the human rights field. Examples of student internship placements in human rights include:

- Child Workers in Nepal Concerned Center (CWIN)  
- Advocates for Human Rights (Minnesota)  
- Peace Now (Israel)  
- U.S. State Department Bureaus of Population, Refugees, and Migration (D.C.)  
- Center for Victims of Torture (Belgium, DRC, and USA)  
- Friends of Ngong Road (Kenya)  
- Western Shosone Defense Fund (Nevada)  
- ANDES (Asociacion de Naturaleza, Desarrollo Sostenable) (Cuzco, Peru)  
- Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (Bosnia)  
- International Action Network on Small Arms (Waterloo, Canada)  
- Mexico City Human Rights Commission (Mexico)  
- U.S. International Council on Disability (Washington, D.C.)

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