The protection of human rights has become a matter of international concern. Despite widespread media coverage of violations, flagrant abuses occur daily, throughout the world. The human rights minor provides students with in-depth knowledge about various human rights. Drawing together classes from a range of departments in and outside the College of Letters, Arts and Science, this interdisciplinary minor will cover the theoretical foundations of human rights, the historical and current developments, case studies and policies. Furthermore, students will be required to take their learning outside the classroom through an internship or by teaching human rights in the community, and will be encouraged to join relevant student organizations. Students take one core course in human rights, POSC 448a – The Politics of Peace: Human Rights. In addition, the minor requires two courses dealing with international human rights, one domestic human rights related course, and an approved internship, teaching human rights in the community, or independent project through the Department of Political Science.

**Minor Requirements**
Total Requirements: 5 Courses (18 Units)

**Basic Requirement (4 units)**
POSC 448a must be taken by all minors

**International Human Rights Issues (8 Units)**
Choose two
- POSC 366, POSC 440, POSC 456, IR 310, IR 315, IR 316, IR 318, IR 325, ANTH 330, HIST 456, HIST 365, PPD 382, REL 335

**Taking Action (6 Units)**
Choose one from each category
- Domestic Human Rights Policy and Social Change (4 Units)
  - GEOG 350m, PPD 342, PPD 439, SOCI 356m, SOCI 360, GERO 435m, JOUR 466, COMM 412
- Community Involvement (2 Units)
  - POSC 351, SOCI 353

*POSC majors must take four courses (16 units) outside of the Political Science Department for a total of 22 units.*

As with all university minors, at least 4 courses must be unique to the minor (not filling any requirement for an additional major or minor, or any general education requirement other than diversity).

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