Human Rights Minor

The protection of human rights has become a significant international issue. The minor in human rights examines the theoretical foundations of human rights, historical and current developments, case studies and policies. This interdisciplinary minor encourages students to take courses in political science and in other Dornsife departments, as well as in other USC colleges. Students also take their learning outside the classroom in a course-required internship and teaching human rights to the community. Students are encouraged to join relevant student organizations. This minor is open to both political science and non-political science majors.

Requirements*: Five courses (18 units), including one core class, two upper-division courses on international human rights issues, and two additional “Taking Action” courses. See detailed information below.

* POSC Majors must take four courses (16 units) outside of POSC for a total of 22 units.

Important: As with all minors at USC, at least four courses must be unique to the POSC minor and cannot fulfill any other department major or minor requirements. These four courses also cannot fulfill any Dornsife general education requirements, but they may overlap with the Diversity requirement.

For course descriptions, please see the USC Course Catalogue or the USC Schedule of Classes.

1. Core Requirement: POSC 448a: The Politics of Peace - Human Rights

2. International Human Rights Issues: Two courses from the following list (three courses for POSC majors):

ANTH 330m: Culture, Gender and Politics in South Asia
HIST 365: The Second World War
HIST 456: Race, Slavery, and the Making of the Atlantic World
IR 310: Peace and Conflict Studies
IR 315: Ethnicity and Nationalism in World Politics
IR 316 Gender and Global Issues
IR 318: Violent Conflict
IR 325: North-South Relations in the Global Economy
POSC 366: Terrorism and Genocide
POSC 440: Comparative Law and the Judicial Process
POSC 456: Women in International Development
PPD 382: International Development
REL 335: Gender, Religion, and Sexuality

3. Domestic Human Rights Issues: One course from each 3A and 3B (6 units):

3A: Policy and Social Change (4 units)
AMST 348m: Race and Environmentalism
COMM 412: Communication and Social Movements
FREN 370gm: Equality and Difference Around the Enlightenment
GERO 435m: Women and Aging: Psychological, Social, and Political Implications
JOUR 466m: People of Color and the News Media
POSC 333: Stigma and Society: Physical Disability in America
POSC 380: Political Theories and Social Reform
POSC 441m: Cultural Diversity and the Law
POSC 444: Civil and Political Rights and Liberties
PPD 342: Crime and Public Policy
PPD 439: Housing and Community Development
SOCI 356m: Mexican Immigrants in Sociological Perspective
SOCI 360m: Social Inequality: Class, Status, and Power

3B. Community Involvement (2 units)
POSC 395: Directed Governmental and Political Leadership Internship
POSC 490x: Directed Research

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