

# Human Rights, Certificate

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Human rights are an integral part of a just society. As a student with a certificate in human rights, you will develop the skills to identify human rights violations, analyze their causes and consequences, and formulate approaches for redressing the harms they perpetuate.

## Description

The certificate program in human rights provides students with interdisciplinary tools and perspectives from history, law, political science, sociology and philosophy that can serve as a framework for thinking broadly and critically about human rights issues. Coursework and experiential learning opportunities prepare students for work protecting human rights, including:

- children's rights
- environmental human rights
- immigrants' rights
- personal integrity rights
- the right to education
- the right to health care
- the right to housing
- the right to water and energy justice
- sexuality rights
- women's rights
- workers' rights

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

# Program requirements

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Students must complete 18 credit hours of qualifying coursework, of which at least 12 credit hours must be upper division. At least 12 credit hours must be completed at ASU. Each course must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

## **Global Politics of Human Rights (select one) -- 3 credit hours**

[JUS 352: The Global Politics of Human Rights \(CIVI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[POS 368: Ethics and Human Rights](#) (3)

[POS 480: Global Justice \(GCSI OR G\)](#) (3)

## **Human Rights Institutions and Organizations (select one) -- 3 credit hours**

[JUS 355: Human Rights Organizations and Institutions \(G\)](#) (3)

[POS 465: International Organization and Law \(GCSI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[SGS 321: International Institutions and Global Governance](#) (3)

## **Interdisciplinary Component -- 9 credit hours**

Upper Division Human Rights Electives (9)

Students select three electives on current issues in human rights. Courses must be taken from at least two of the substantive areas listed below and from two or more subjects. Other course options may be approved by an academic advisor in the School of Social Transformation.

## **Marginalization and Human Rights**

[AFR 301 / JUS 300: Race and Racism in Africa/African Diaspora \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[AFR 420 / JUS 421: Race Ethnicity and Politics in the African Diaspora \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[AIS 455: Human Rights and Cultural Resource Laws](#) (3)

[APA 330 / WST 331: Asian Pacific American Genders and Sexualities \(SOBE OR \(L or SB\) & C\)](#) (3)

[HST 369 / JST 369: History and Memory of the Holocaust](#) (3)

[JUS 430: Social Protest, Conflict, and Change \(CIVI OR \(L or SB\) & C\)](#) (3)

[JUS 435: Cinema and Justice](#) (3)

[JUS 438: Human Differences: Dilemmas of Justice \(CIVI OR \(L or HU\) & C\)](#) (3)

[JUS 456: Human Rights and Sustainability \(\(L or SB\) & G\)](#) (3)

[JUS 468: Protest, Justice, Law and the Media \(SB\)](#) (3)

[POS 472: Constitutional Law II \(SB\)](#) (3)

[SGS 343 / REL 379: Religion, Nationalism, and Ethnic Conflict \(GCSI OR HU & G\)](#) (3)

[SPA 494 / SLC 494: Latin American Photography and Human Rights](#) (3)

[WST 313: Women and Sexuality \(SOBE OR SB & C\)](#) (3)

[WST 345: Gender, Religion, and Global Violence \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[WST 378: Global Feminist Theory \(GCSI OR L & G\)](#) (3)

[WST 477: Gender and Violence \(SB & C\)](#) (3)

## **Social Stratification and Human Rights**

AFR 304: Islands of Globalization: Caribbean Politics and Political Economy (SB & G & H) (3)

AFR 305: The Global History of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade (GCSI OR SB & H) (3)

AFR 470: Women's International Human Rights (3)

APA 350 / JUS 365: Inequality and Diversity in Education (CIVI OR L & C) (3)

JUS 321: Wealth Distribution and Poverty (SOBE OR SB & C) (3)

JUS 325: Globalization and Socio-Economic Justice (SB & G) (3)

JUS 405: Inequality, Economy and Justice (L or SB) (3)

JUS 477: Youth and Justice (SOBE OR L or SB) (3)

POS 471: Constitutional Law I (AMIT OR SB) (3)

WST 365: Women and International Health (G) (3)

### **States and Conflict**

AIS 494: American Indian Rights (3)

HST 370: Eastern Europe in Transition (SB & G & H) (3)

HST 436: Rise & Fall of Soviet Communism (SB & G & H) (3)

JUS 374: The Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights (3)

JUS 430: Social Protest, Conflict, and Change (CIVI OR (L or SB) & C) (3)

JUS 467: Terrorism, War, and Justice (CIVI OR SB) (3)

JUS 469: Political Deviance and the Law ((L or SB) & C) (3)

JUS 494: Torture, War and Human Rights (3)

LAS 481: Dictatorships and Dirty Wars: Latin American Cinema from Resistance to Reconciliation (HU & G) (3)

PHI 448: Justice and Reparations (3)

POS 305: Politics and Film (HUAD OR SB) (3)

POS 394: The Future of War (3)

REL 388: Religion, Ethics, and International Politics (CIVI) (3)

SGS 340: Violence, Conflict and Human Rights (GCSI) (3)

SGS 341: Humanitarian Crisis and International Intervention (3)

SPA 472: Latin American Society: Five Case Studies (HU & H & G) (3)

### **Experiential Learning Component -- 3 credit hours**

To better connect classroom learning with practical experience, students will be required to participate in either a for-credit internship with a human rights organization in the U.S. or abroad, or a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) under faculty supervision (honors thesis may substitute). A written component to the internship or REU is required.

JUS 484: Internship or JUS 498: Research Apprenticeship (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

## **Enrollment requirements**

To declare a certificate in human rights, students must first have a minimum of 30 earned credit hours.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

## **Program learning outcomes**

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Employ the core concepts and methods used in studying human rights in their written work.
- Apply fundamental principles of human rights to research or community engagement.

## **Career opportunities**

Human rights training can lead to a rewarding and meaningful career path as well as a professional degree. The following list of career options is not exhaustive; each offers unique opportunities, requirements, strategies and tools for social change:

- human rights activism coordinator
- human rights advocacy officer
- human rights campaigner
- human rights educator
- human rights fundraising specialist
- human rights grant writer
- human rights lawyer or legal officer
- human rights policy analyst
- human rights program officer
- human rights researcher or research assistant

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