

# Human Rights

**Director: Tina K. Reuter (UAB Institute for Human Rights, College of Arts and Sciences)**

The Human Rights minor is interdisciplinary in nature and draws from a number of social science and humanities fields, including African-American studies, anthropology, criminal justice, foreign languages, international studies, history, political science, psychology, sociology, public health, and social work. It allows students to grow in their understanding of human rights, and market their expertise in that field.

With the establishment of the Institute for Human Rights in the College of Arts and Sciences at UAB and other human rights related initiatives such as the MA in the Anthropology of Peace and Human Rights, a minor in human rights serves as a unique curricular focal point for students.

Birmingham is the cradle of the civil rights movement and an international destination for scholars and practitioners interested in human rights and civil rights. An increasing number of topics of societal concern are viewed through a human rights lens. In this context, foundational knowledge of human rights is a key expertise to possess in today's globalized and progressively complex world.

Through this minor program, critical thinking and interdisciplinary approaches to this discipline link theoretical approaches to human rights, the rule of law, and social justice with students' learning environment. Service learning and community-based approaches enhance students' academic experience by enabling them to practice skills and test classroom knowledge. A human rights minor makes students more competitive for fellowships, internships, human rights careers, and non-profit work.

Upon completing the requirements of the Minor in Human Rights, students will be able to:

1. Analyze the evolution and implementation of human rights from different disciplinary perspectives, including political science, international studies, law, history, psychology, anthropology, criminal justice, social work, sociology, and public health;
2. Discuss innovative answers to questions of human rights. This includes, for example, making connections between human rights implementation and the political, social, economic, and cultural environment of societies;
3. Synthesize approaches to human rights that are presented in different disciplines. Students are encouraged to develop personal approaches to dealing with human rights through academic learning, scholarly investigations, education abroad, discussions with peers and faculty, and practical experiences (service learning and internships);
4. Participate actively in campus and community platforms related to human rights.

The Minor in Human Rights supports the majors in political science, international studies, anthropology, sociology, criminal justice, social work, and public health by giving students the opportunity to engage in-depth with a topic that is related to the overall focus of their major. It could also be of interest to majors in foreign languages who aim to work at an international NGO.

Students interested in the minor may contact Dr. Tina Reuter through the UAB Institute for Human Rights, or their academic advisor.

## Minor in Human Rights

| Requirements                                 |   | Hours     |
|--|---|-----------|
| PSC 316                                      | Human Rights  | 3         |
| HRT 485                                      | Human Rights Professional Internship                                      | 3         |
| or HRT 482                                   | Directed Research in Human Rights   |           |
| <b>Electives <sup>1, 2</sup></b>             |   | <b>12</b> |
| <b>At least 9 hours at the 300-400 level</b> |   |           |
| AAS 200                                      | Introduction to African-American Studies                                  |           |
| ANTH 351                                     | Anthropology of Human Rights  |           |
| ANTH 404                                     | Human Rights, Peace, and Justice  |           |
| ANTH 421                                     | Technological Monitoring of Cultural Resources, Human Rights and Conflict |           |
| ANTH 424                                     | Transitional Justice and Human Rights                                     |           |
| ANTH 443                                     | Propaganda, Fake News, and Hate Speech                                    |           |
| HY 239                                       | The Holocaust in History and Literature                                   |           |
| or HY 339                                    | The Holocaust in History and Literature                                   |           |
| HY 304                                       | U.S. Civil Rights Movement  |           |
| HY 422                                       | Ethnic Cleansing & Genocide 1912-2012                                     |           |
| CJ 390                                       | The Death Penalty in America  |           |
| CJ 442                                       | Race, Crime, Gender and Social Policy                                     |           |
| CJ 403                                       | Restorative Justice   |           |
| EDF 362                                      | Foundations of Education I: Social, Historical, Philosophical             |           |
| GCLH 150                                     | Burning Issues  |           |
| PHL 318                                      | Ethics of War   |           |
| PSC 266                                      | The United Nations  |           |
| or PSC 366                                   | The United Nations  |           |
| PSC 319                                      | Civil Liberties and Civil Rights  |           |
| PSC 335                                      | Memory Politics: Monuments, Museums and Human Rights                      |           |
| PSC 359                                      | Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity                                      |           |
| PSC 444                                      | Human Rights and Technology   |           |
| PSC 458                                      | Human Trafficking   |           |
| PSC 459                                      | Politics of Transitional Justice  |           |
| PSC 465                                      | International Law   |           |
| PUH 202                                      | Introduction to Global Health   |           |
| PUH 322                                      | Environmental Justice and Ethics  |           |
| PUH 441                                      | Public Health Law and Policy  |           |
| SOC 245                                      | What's the Problem? Social Conditions that Disrupt                        |           |
| SOC 220                                      | Sociology of Sex and Gender   |           |
| SOC 250                                      | Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality   |           |
| SOC 278                                      | Our Interconnected World  |           |
| SW 207                                       | Racism, Sexism and Other Isms   |           |
| SW 478                                       | Special Topics in Social Work   |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                           |   | <b>18</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Courses from at least two different disciplines must be represented in the minor.

<sup>2</sup> Courses offered at two levels may only be used once.

## Courses

**HRT 481. Human Rights Independent Studies. 3 Hours.**

Individualized course to explore a Human Rights topic and develop an integrative research portfolio or project. Requires instructor approval.

**Prerequisites:** PSC 316 [Min Grade: C]

**HRT 482. Directed Research in Human Rights. 1-6 Hour.**

Directed research on Human Rights. Open to Human Rights minors only. Requires instructor approval.

**Prerequisites:** PSC 316 [Min Grade: C]

**HRT 483. Honors Directed Research in Human Rights. 1-6 Hour.**

Directed research on Human Rights, for students enrolled in the Honors College. Open to Human Rights minors and Honors College students only. Requires instructor approval.

**Prerequisites:** PSC 316 [Min Grade: C]

**HRT 485. Human Rights Professional Internship. 3 Hours.**

Experiential learning in the field of human rights, allowing students to gain valuable professional experience and develop a reflective professional activity portfolio related to human rights work and advocacy. Instructor permission required.

**Prerequisites:** PSC 316 [Min Grade: C] or ANTH 404 [Min Grade: C]