

HUMAN RIGHTS & HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS MINOR

Description

The minor in human rights introduces students to basic concepts of human rights and encourages them to think about human rights issues beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries. This curriculum not only addresses foundational human rights norms and institutions, but also allows students to consider how those norms are implemented, rejected, transformed, and revolutionized. The minor allows students to consider human rights in both theory and in practice. Students not only get to learn about human rights through a range of innovative human rights-related courses, but they also get hands-on experience through a human rights internship.

Academic and Career Advising

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Not sure where to go or who to ask? The Advising Center team in 107 Oldfather Hall can help. The Academic and Career Advising Center is the undergraduate hub for CAS students in all majors. Centrally located and easily accessible, students encounter friendly, knowledgeable people who are eager to help or connect students to partner resources. Students also visit the Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall to:

- Choose or change their major, minor, or degree program.
- Check on policies, procedures, and deadlines.
- Get a college approval signature from the Dean's representatives.

CAS Career Coaches are available by appointment (in-person or Zoom) and located in the CAS Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall. They help students explore majors and minors, gain experience, and develop a plan for life after graduation.

Assigned Academic Advisors

Academic advisors are critical resources dedicated to students' academic, personal, and professional success. Every CAS student is assigned an academic advisor based on their primary major. Since most CAS students have more than just a single major, it is important to get to know the advisor for any minors or additional majors. Academic advisors work closely with the faculty to provide the best overall support and the discipline specific expertise. They are available for appointments (in-person or Zoom) and through weekly virtual drop-ins. Assigned advisors are listed in MyRED (<https://its.unl.edu/myunl>) and their offices may be located in or near the department of the major for which they advise.

Students who have declared a pre-health or pre-law area of interest will also work with advisors in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love South, who are specially trained to guide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, visit <https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors>, or connect with the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, casadvising@unl.edu.

Career Coaching

The College believes that **Academics + Experience = Opportunities** and encourages students to complement their academic preparation with real-world experience, including internships, research, education abroad, service, and leadership. Arts and sciences students have access to a powerful network of faculty, staff, and advisors dedicated to providing information and support for their goals of meaningful employment or advanced education. Arts and sciences graduates have unlimited career possibilities and carry with them important career competencies—communication, critical thinking, creativity, context, and collaboration. They have the skills and adaptability that employers universally value. Graduates are prepared to effectively contribute professionally and personally with a solid foundation to excel in an increasingly global, technological, and interdisciplinary world.

Students should contact the career coaches in the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall, or their assigned advisor, for more information. The CAS career coaches help students explore career options, identify ways to build experience and prepare to apply for internships, jobs, or graduate school, including help with resumes, applications, and interviewing.

ACE Requirements

Students must complete one course for each of the ACE Student Learning Outcomes below. Certified course choices are published in the degree audit, or visit the ACE (<http://ace.unl.edu>) website (<http://ace.unl.edu>) for the most current list of certified courses.

ACE Student Learning Outcomes

ACE 1: Write texts, in various forms, with an identified purpose, that respond to specific audience needs, integrate research or existing knowledge, and use applicable documentation and appropriate conventions of format and structure.

ACE 2: Demonstrate competence in communication skills.

ACE 3: Use mathematical, computational, statistical, logical, or other formal reasoning to solve problems, draw inferences, justify conclusions, and determine reasonableness.

ACE 4: Use scientific methods and knowledge to pose questions, frame hypotheses, interpret data, and evaluate whether conclusions about the natural and physical world are reasonable.

ACE 5: Use knowledge, historical perspectives, analysis, interpretation, critical evaluation, and the standards of evidence appropriate to the humanities to address problems and issues.

ACE 6: Use knowledge, theories, and research perspectives such as statistical methods or observational accounts appropriate to the social sciences to understand and evaluate social systems or human behaviors.

ACE 7: Use knowledge, theories, or methods appropriate to the arts to understand their context and significance.

ACE 8: Use knowledge, theories, and analysis to explain ethical principles and their importance in society.

ACE 9: Exhibit global awareness or knowledge of human diversity through analysis of an issue.

ACE 10: Generate a creative or scholarly product that requires broad knowledge, appropriate technical proficiency, information collection, synthesis, interpretation, presentation, and reflection.

College Degree Requirements

College Distribution Requirements

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a range of courses across disciplines within the College. Students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements, and no course can be used to fulfill both an ACE outcome and a College Distribution Requirement.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement, with the exception of CDR Diversity. Courses used to meet CDR Diversity may also meet CDR Writing, CDR Humanities, or CDR Social Science.
- Internship (395 or 495), independent study or readings (396 or 496), research (398 or 498), and thesis (399, 399H, 499, or 499H) will not satisfy distribution requirements.
- Other courses with a 9 in the middle number (ex. PSYC 292) will not satisfy distribution requirements unless approved by an advisor.
- Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the lead department.

CDR: Written Communication	3
Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.	
CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences ¹	3
Select a course from ASTR, BIOS, CHEM, GEOL, LIFE, METR, MATH, PHYS, or ANTH 242, GEOG 155, GEOG 281, POLS 250, or PSYC 273.	
CDR: Laboratory ²	1
Laboratory courses may be embedded in a 4-5 credit course used in CDR Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Science (example GEOG 155), or stand alone (example LIFE 120L).	
CDR: Humanities ³	3
Select a course from ARAB, CHIN, CLAS, CZEC, ENGL, FILM, FREN, GERM, GREK, HIST, JAPN, LATN, PHIL, RELG, RUSS, or SPAN.	
CDR: Social Science ⁴	3
Select a course from ANTH, COMM, GEOG, NSST, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, or GIST 211.	
CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities	0-3

Select from the following approved courses also listed in your degree audit: ANTH 130, ANTH 412, ANTH 447, ANTH 473, ARAB/RELG 313, COMM 311, COMM 315, COMM/ETHN 335, COMM 364, COMM 465, ENGL/WMNS 212, ENGL/ETHN 245N, ENGL/WMNS 312, ENGL/ETHN 345D, ENGL/ETHN/WMNS 345N, ENGL/ETHN 346, ENGL 376, ENGL 380, ENGL/ETHN 445, ETHN 100, ETHN 201, ETHN 202, ETHN 204, ETHN 484, FILM/ETHN 344, GEOG 271, GEOG 403, GLST/ANTH/MODL 214, GLST 350, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 115, HIST/ETHN 234, HIST/ETHN 246, HIST 251, HIST/ETHN 340, HIST 351/ETHN 341, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 356, HIST/ETHN 357, HIST/WMNS 402, HRHA 350, MODL 260, PHIL 105, PHIL 106, PHIL/WMNS 218, PHIL 323, PHIL 325, POLS/ETHN 333, POLS/WMNS 338, POLS 340, POLS 347, POLS 433, PSYC/ETHN 310, PSYC 330, PSYC/WMNS 421, PSYC/ETHN 425, RELG/HIST 134, RELG/ETHN/HIST 226, RELG/HIST 227, SOCI 101, SOCI 180, SOCI/WMNS 200, SOCI/ETHN 217, SPAN 206, SPAN 486, WMNS 101, WMNS 201, WMNS 202, WMNS 210

CDR: Language **0-16**

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. Language study at UNL is available in: ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, SPAN, or SLPA.

*BA Degree: Fulfilled by the completion of the 4th level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college).*⁵

*BS Degree: Fulfilled by the completion of the 2nd level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college).*⁶

¹ Excluded courses: BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MBIO 101, PHYS 201, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, and MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below.

² ANTH 242L, ASTR 224, BIOS 101L, BIOS 110L, BIOS 111, BIOS 116, BIOS 213L, BIOS 214, CHEM 105L, CHEM 106L, CHEM 109L, CHEM 110L, CHEM 113L, GEOG 155, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, LIFE 120L, LIFE 121L, METR 100, PHYS 141, PHYS 142, PHYS 153, PHYS 221, or PHYS 222.

³ ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, and SPAN courses must be numbered 300 or above. ENGL courses must be ENGL 170, ENGL 180, or ENGL 200 level and above. Excluded courses: CLAS 116, ENGL 254, ENGL 300, ENGL 354, SPAN 300A, SPAN 303, and SPAN 304.

⁴ Excluded courses: ANTH 242/ANTH 242L, GEOG 155, GIST 210, POLS 101, POLS 250, PSYC 100, PSYC 273.

⁵ ARAB 202, CHIN 202, CZEC 202, FREN 202 or FREN 210, GERM 202, GREK 301 and GREK 302, JAPN 201 and JAPN 202, LATN 301 and LATN 302, SPAN 202 or SPAN 210 or SPAN 300A, or SLPA 202.

⁶ ARAB 102, CHIN 102, CZEC 102, FREN 102, GERM 102, GREK 102 or GREK 151, JAPN 102, LATN 102, SPAN 102 or SPAN 110 or SPAN 300A, or SLPA 102.

Experiential Learning Requirement

All undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete an Experiential Learning (EL) designated course. This may include 0-credit courses designed to document co-curricular activities recognized as Experiential Learning. Students should consult their assigned Academic Advisor and Career Coach for assistance identifying experiential learning opportunities relevant to their academic program, interests and goals.

Scientific Base Requirement – BS Only

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical, and natural sciences from disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences or required in its majors: ACTS, ASTR, BIOC, BIOS, CHEM, CSCE, GEOL, LIFE, MBIO, METR, MATH, PHYS, STAT or ANTH 242, ANTH 242L, ANTH 341, ANTH 385, ANTH 386, ANTH 389, ANTH 416, ANTH 422, ANTH 430, ANTH 442, ANTH 443, ANTH 444, ANTH 448, ANTH 473, ANTH 484, ANTH 487D, ENVR 201, GEOG 155, GEOG 217, GEOG 281, GEOG 308, GEOG 317, GEOG 408, GEOG 417, GEOG 418, GEOG 419, GEOG 421, GEOG 422, GEOG 425, GEOG 427, GEOG 432, GEOG 444, GEOG 461, GEOG 467, PHIL 211, POLS 250, PSYC 273, PSYC 350, PSYC 368, PSYC 370, PSYC 450, PSYC 451, PSYC 456, PSYC 458, PSYC 460, PSYC 461, PSYC 463, PSYC 464, PSYC 465, or PSYC 468.

Excluded courses include: BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, MBIO 101, PHYS 201 as well as any course numbered 395, 495, 399, 399H, 499, or 499H. MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below is also excluded.

Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of the College of Arts and Sciences. See your assigned academic advisor to start the approval process.

Upper Level Course Requirement

Thirty (30) of the 120 hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Residency Requirement

The term "Residency" refers to courses taken at UNL. Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Students must complete at least 18 hours of their major coursework, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level, at UNL.

Substitutions and Waivers

Special requests concerning degree programs, including inquiries about exceptions to degree requirements, waivers, and substitutions, must be approved at the College level, in addition to the specific department offering the program (major, minor, or certificate). Consult with your assigned academic advisor first to identify the appropriate contacts for approval.

Grade Rules

Restrictions on C- and D Grades

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. No University of Nebraska–Lincoln C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by the College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

Pass/No Pass Privilege

University policy for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Neither the P nor the N grade factor into your GPA.
- 'P' is interpreted to mean a grade of C or above. A grade of C- or lower results in a "N".
- A change to or from a Pass/No Pass may be made until mid-term (1/2 of the course - see the academic calendar for specific dates per term).
- The Pass/No Pass or grade registration cannot conflict with the policy of the professor, department, college, or University policy governing the grading options.
- Changing to or from the Pass/No Pass grading option requires using MyRED, or processing a Schedule Adjustment Form.
- For undergraduates, the University maximum of 24 'Pass' credit hours and/or college and department limits will apply. These limits do not include courses offered on a 'Pass/No Pass' basis only. Consult your advisor or the Undergraduate Catalog (<https://catalog.unl.edu/undergraduate/>) for restrictions on the number of 'Pass' hours you can apply toward your degree.
- The 'Pass/No Pass' grading option cannot be used for the removal of 'C-', 'D+', 'D', 'D-', or 'F' grade factors.

NOTE: See Course Repeats (<https://registrar.unl.edu/academic-standards/course-repeats>)

College of Arts and Sciences policy on the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences majors and minors do not permit any courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply, or limit them to no more than 6 hours. Students should refer to the major section of the catalog for clarification.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken on a P/N-only or on a graded-only basis.

Grading Appeals

A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

- Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
- Talk to the instructor's department chairperson.
- Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
- Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean's Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Eighteen (18) hours of courses as follows:

Required Courses

HRHA 101 / GLST 101	Human Rights in a Global Context	3
HRHA 440 or POLS 470	Human Rights, Conflict and Community Changemaking International Human Rights	3

Internship	0-3
HRHA 495 Internship in Human Rights ¹	
Credit Hours Subtotal:	6-9

¹ Other courses, including the zero-credit CASC 95 course, may be substituted with approval of the HRHA advisor. Students who select a zero-credit course should select an additional course from one of the themes of the minor.

Transdisciplinary Human Rights Courses

Select at least one course in three of the four themes, below: 9-12
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Theme 1: Law & Institutions

ECON 423	Global Poverty, Growth and Economic Development
ECON 445 / WMNS 445	Economics of Gender and Race
HIST 115	And Justice For All: Race, Gender, & the Law in US History
HIST 340 / ETHN 340	Rights & Wrongs in American Legal History
JOMC 222	Social Justice, Human Rights and the Media
PHIL 230	Philosophy of Law
PHIL 325	Advanced Social Political Philosophy
POLS 270	From National to Human Security
POLS 362	Globalization, Human Rights and Diversity
POLS 375 / ETHN 375	Conflict and Development in Africa
POLS 377	Transnational Criminal Networks
POLS 441	Constitutional Law
POLS 442	Civil Liberties: Freedom of Expression and Conviction
POLS 469	International Law
POLS 472	State Terror
PSYC 401	Psychology and Law
TEAC 331	School and Society

Theme 2: Philosophy & History

GLST 202	People on the Move
HIST 254	Human Rights in Modern World History
HIST 333 / JUDS 333 / RELG 333	Jews in the Modern World
HIST 339 / JUDS 339	The Holocaust
HIST 387	The Enlightenment
HIST 429	History of Fascism in Europe
HIST 460 / ETHN 460	The Civil Rights Movement
HRHA 350 / GLST 350	Refugees, Displaced Persons, and (Im)migrants in a Globalized World
PHIL 106	Philosophy and Current Issues
PHIL 320	Ethical Theory
PHIL 323	Topics in Applied Ethics
PHIL 423	Advanced Ethics

POLS 383	Justice and the Good Life
POLS 384	Liberalism and Its Critics
POLS 386	Truth and Progress

Theme 3: Culture & Politics

ANTH 351 / ETHN 351	Peoples and Cultures of East Asia
ANTH 353	Anthropology of War
ANTH 474 / GLST 474	Development in Theory and Practice
ARAB 288 / RELG 288 / WMNS 288	Exploring Love, Sexuality and Femininity in the History of Arabic Culture
CLAS 440 / WMNS 440	Gender and Sexuality in the Ancient World
CZEC 387 / GERM 387 / JUDS 387 / WMNS 387	Women Totalitarian Experience: Culture, Identity and Memory
ENGL 445 / ETHN 445	Ethnic Literature
ENGL 212 / WMNS 212	Introduction to LGBTQ Literature
GLST 280	Colonization, Decolonization and Globalization
HRHA 350 / GLST 350	Refugees, Displaced Persons, and (Im)migrants in a Globalized World
PHIL 218 / WMNS 218	Philosophy of Feminism
PHIL 221	Political Philosophy
POLS 238 / ETHN 238	Blacks and the American Political System
POLS 333 / ETHN 333	Immigration and Politics
POLS 338 / WMNS 338	Women and Politics
POLS 476 / JUDS 476	Ethnic Conflict and Identity
POLS 477 / JUDS 477	Israel and the Middle East
SOCI 217 / ETHN 217	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
SOCI 200 / WMNS 200	Gender in Contemporary Society
SOCI 481 / ETHN 481	Minority Groups
SPAN 331	War and Human Rights in Latin America
TEAC 330 / ETHN 330	Multicultural Education

Theme 4: Community & Engagement

ANTH 474 / GLST 474	Development in Theory and Practice
ANTH 476 / GLST 476	Human Rights, Environment, and Development
CLAS 252 / ANTH 252	World Archaeology, Global Heritage
COMM 271	Organizing Social Change

COMM 364	Communication, Medicine, and Health Equity
COMM 465	Communication and Social Identity
CRPL 300	The Community and the Future
CYAF 495	Special Topics in Family and Cultural Diversity
ENVR 319	Environmental Engagement and the Community
ETHN 446	Black Social Movements
HIST 277 / ENGL 277	Being Human in a Digital Age
JOMC 422	Race, Gender, and Media
MODL 381	Cultures in Transit
MODL 382 / MRST 382	Storytelling
PHIL 105	The Philosophy of Food
PHIL 213	Medical Ethics
PHIL 225	Environmental Ethics
PSYC 330	Psychology of Diversity
SOCI 180	Social Problems
SOCI 209	Sociology of Crime
SOCI 226 / WMNS 226	Families and Society
SOCI 341	Social Psychology of Inequality
SOCI 452	Sociology of Religion
Credit Hours Subtotal:	
9-12	

¹ Students who select a zero-credit internship course should select an additional course from one of the themes of the minor.

² Other courses, including Special Topics courses, may be applied in the transdisciplinary themes by approval of the HRHA advisor/director.

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the minor.

Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor.

HRHA 101 Human Rights in a Global Context

Crosslisted with: GLST 101

Description: Introduction to the concept of contemporary global human rights using historical, philosophical, cultural and political perspectives.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

HRHA 150 Children's Rights

Description: Introductory survey of the theoretical foundations, legal approaches, and institutions created to protect and promote children's rights, as well as intersectional exploration of today's global children's rights issues

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

HRHA 191 Special Topics in Human Rights

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

HRHA 350 Refugees, Displaced Persons, and (Im)migrants in a Globalized World

Crosslisted with: GLST 350

Notes: Graded with Option (OPT)

Description: Current and historical perspectives on forced migration with special attention to refugees, displaced persons, immigrants, and migrants.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

HRHA 440 Human Rights, Conflict and Community Challengemaking

Crosslisted with: HRHA 840

Description: Considers contemporary challenges in human rights and opportunities for change.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: SPRING

HRHA 450 Religion and Human Rights

Description: Explores the relationship between religion and human rights with a focus on historical and contemporary interfaith and secular perspectives.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL

HRHA 491 Special Topics in Human Rights

Crosslisted with: HRHA 891

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

HRHA 495 Internship in Human Rights

Crosslisted with: HRHA 895

Prerequisites: Permission

Description: A structured, experiential learning opportunity focused on human rights at a local, national or international organization with an emphasis on career development.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op