

HUMAN RIGHTS & HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS MINOR

Description

The minor in human rights introduces students to basic concepts in 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 affords students the opportunity to consider human rights in both theory and in practice, as they will enroll in both a human rights-related service learning course and the human rights capstone (POLS 470), which requires that students conduct original research on a human rights topic.

Admission

College Admission

The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences are the same as the UNL General Admission Requirements. Students who are admitted through the Admission by Review process may have certain conditions attached to their enrollment at UNL. These conditions are explained under "Removal of Deficiencies."

In addition to these requirements, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommends a third and fourth year of one foreign language in high school. Four years of high school coursework in the same language will fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences' language requirement. It will also allow students to continue language study at a more advanced level at UNL, and provide more opportunity to study abroad.

Advising

Academic and Career Advising

The Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather is a centrally located and easily accessed resource for students in all majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The professional academic advisors and career coaches offer 1-1 meetings on a walk-in and appointment basis weekdays. Advisors will provide assistance choosing majors and minors, understanding degree requirements and academic policies, completing paperwork, meeting deadlines, adding/dropping courses, and planning for graduation. In addition, career coaches can help students identify career options related to their interests and connect them with experiences like internships, research, and more that will prepare them for those career options. These specially trained advisors and coaches also serve as first point of contact in the College for all incoming freshmen and transfer students during New Student Enrollment.

Students in the College who have declared a major will be assigned an academic advisor who is their first point of contact for a variety of questions. Academic advisors help students be successful in adjusting to UNL overall as well as making progress toward degree completion. The assigned advisor may be located within the department of their primary major, or in the Advising Center. Students can identify their assigned advisor in MyRED on the academics tab. In addition, faculty advisors are experts in their discipline, including advanced coursework and requirements, opportunities for research, student organizations, and considering graduate school in the discipline. 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 Library 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, contact the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, <http://cas.unl.edu/advising>.

College Degree Requirements

College Distribution Requirements

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (16 hours + Language)

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a breadth of courses within the liberal arts degree. By engaging in study in several different areas 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.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy 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.
- A student may not use a course from their primary major to satisfy the Breadth Requirement (F), but may apply an ancillary requirement of the primary major or a course from their second major toward this requirement.
- Independent study, directed readings, or internship courses cannot be used to satisfy a College Distribution Requirement.
- Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department.

College Distribution Requirements

<i>CDR A - Written Communication</i>	3
Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.	
<i>CDR B and BL - Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab</i>	4
Select from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, meteorology, mathematics, physics and statistics. Must include one lab in the natural or physical sciences. Lab courses may be selected from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, meteorology and physics.	
Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be used to satisfy the lab requirement above. ¹	
<i>CDR C - Humanities</i>	3
Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies. ²	
<i>CDR D - Social Science</i>	3
Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology. ³	
<i>CDR E - Language</i>	0-16

Fulfilled by the completion of the 6-credit-hour second-year sequence in a single foreign language in one of the following departments: Classics and religious studies, or modern languages and literatures. Instruction is currently available in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages requirement, but encouraged to continue on in their language study.

CDR F - Additional Breadth 3

Select from natural, physical and mathematical sciences (Area B), humanities (Area C), or social sciences (Area D). Cannot be a course from the primary major.

Credit Hours Subtotal: 16-32

¹ See Degree Audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for approved geography and anthropology courses that apply as natural science.

² Language courses numbered 210 and below do not fulfill the CDR C.

³ See Degree Audit or College of Arts and Sciences advisor for list of natural/physical science courses in anthropology, geography, and psychology that do not apply as social science.

Scientific Base

Bachelor of Science Only (60 hours)

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical and natural sciences. Approved courses for scientific base credit come from the following College of Arts and Sciences disciplines: actuarial science, anthropology (selected courses), astronomy, biochemistry (excluding BIOC 101), biological sciences (excluding BIOS 100 or BIOS 203), chemistry (excluding CHEM 101), computer science (excluding CSCE 10), geography (selected courses), geology, life sciences, mathematics (excluding courses below MATH 104), meteorology, microbiology, physics and statistics.

See your degree audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for a complete list including individual classes that fall outside of the disciplines listed above. Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of a college advisor.

Language Requirement

UNL and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The UNL entrance requirement of two years of the same foreign language or the College's language distribution requirement (CDR E) will rarely be waived and only with relevant documentation. See the main College of Arts and Sciences page for more details.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. A total grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.

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 UNL 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 College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

Pass/No Pass Privilege

The College of Arts and Sciences adheres to the University regulations for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege with the following additional regulations:

- Pass/No Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences departments and programs do not allow courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply to the major or minor. Students should refer to the department's or program's section of the catalog for clarification. By college rule, departments can allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass in the major or minor.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken only on a P/N basis.
- The college will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours of P/N grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total includes all Pass grades earned at UNL and other U.S. schools. **NOTE:** This 24-hour limit is more restrictive than the University regulation.

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:

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

Course Level Requirements

Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level

Thirty (30) of the 120 semester 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 UNL.

Residency Requirement

Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at UNL. Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major coursework including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level in their major, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level in residence. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement only if students register through UNL.

ACE Requirements

Consistent with the mission and values of the University, ACE is based on a shared set of four institutional objectives and ten student learning outcomes. The ACE program was approved by faculty in all eight undergraduate colleges and endorsed by the Faculty Senate, the student government, and the Academic Planning Committee in January 2008

for implementation in the fall 2009. ACE aligns with current national initiatives in general education.

To meet the ACE Program requirement, a student will complete a minimum of 3 credit hours for each of the ten ACE Student Learning Outcomes (a total of 30 ACE credit hours). See the ACE website at: <http://ace.unl.edu> for the most current information and the most recently certified courses.

Catalog to Use

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991 the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Eighteen (18) hours of courses as follows:

A. Experiential Learning

Choose from one of the following experiential learning options:¹ 3

HRHA 400	Human Rights Capstone	
ANTH 495	Internship in Anthropology	
GLST 395	Internship in Global Studies	
GLST 391	Learning Abroad	
JOUR 346	Nebraska Mosaic	
JOUR 490	Global Multimedia Photojournalism Project	
POLS 395	Internship in Political Science	
SOCI 397	Internship Experience	

Credit Hours Subtotal: 3

¹ A plan for these courses must be approved by the HRHA advisor/director to ensure human rights related content. Other courses may be possible with approval of the HRHA advisor/director.

B. Core Course

POLS 470 International Human Rights 3

Credit Hours Subtotal: 3

C. Transdisciplinary Human Rights Courses

Choose one course in each of the four themes, below:² 12

Theme 1: Law & Institutions

ECON 413	Social Insurance	
ECON 423	Economics of the Less Developed Countries	
ECON 445	Gender Economics and Social Provisioning	
HIST 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 / ETHN 375	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	

Theme 2: Philosophy & History

HIST 333 / JUDS 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	
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	Indigenous Peoples of North America	
ANTH 353	Anthropology of War	
ANTH 451 / ETHN 451	Contemporary Issues of Indigenous Peoples in North America	
ANTH 474	Applied and Development Anthropology	
ARAB 288	Exploring Love, Sexuality and Femininity in the History of Arabic Culture	
CLAS 440 / WMNS 440	Gender and Sexuality in the Ancient World	
ENGL 445 / ETHN 445	Ethnic Literature	
ENGL 212 / WMNS 212	Introduction to LGBTQ Literature	
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
Theme 4: Community & Engagement	
CLAS 252 / ANTH 252	World Archaeology, Global Heritage
COMM 271	Organizing Social Change
COMM 454	Communication and Health Disparities
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 / GLST 381 / POLS 381	Cultures in Transit
MODL 382 / GLST 382 / MRST 382 / SOCI 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:	12

HRHA 400 Human Rights Capstone

Description: Service-learning experience related to human rights and human diversity (locally, nationally, or internationally).

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Format: IND

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.