

Human Rights and Social Justice Bridging Disciplines Program Certificate

This program introduces students to the interdisciplinary study and practice of human rights at home and around the world. Students learn about the forms of oppression, marginalization, and violence that concern human rights researchers and practitioners. Through coursework drawn from the humanities, social sciences, law, fine arts, and public policy, students develop knowledge of the issues and debates that dominate human rights and social justice scholarship today, including an understanding of the regional contexts within which contemporary human rights violations take place. At the same time, students learn about the historical, theoretical, and institutional underpinnings of international human rights advocacy and social justice movements, from the legacies of colonialism and imperialism to the international institutions that were formed in the wake of World War II. Finally, through the Connecting Experience component, students have the opportunity to complement their coursework with hands-on experience in an organization working on human rights and social justice concerns.

Total Hours Required: 18 Requirements

Requirements are listed in the table below. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#). Students should also review the [University's Undergraduate Minor and Certificate Requirements and Policies](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Hours chosen from: Foundation		3
BDP 319.1	Human Rights: Theories and Practice	
Approved hours		
Hours chosen from: Strand		9
Choose either more than one of the following topics (Nationalism, Imperialism, and War; Social Groups and Social Justice; or Theory, Policy, and Institutions), or from more than one of the Geographic categories (Regional, US, or Comparative)		
Nationalism, Imperialism, and War- Comparative		
GOV 365I	Authoritarianism	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Nationalism, Imperialism, and War- Regional (non-US)		
HIS 307Q	Introduction to Holocaust and Genocide Studies	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Nationalism, Imperialism, and War- US		
AFR 350K	Puerto Rico In Crisis	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Social Groups and Social Justice- Comparative		
S W 331	Applied Social Ethics	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Social Groups and Social Justice- Regional (non-US)		
MAS 364D	Latino Migrations and Asylum	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		

Social Groups and Social Justice- US

AFR 360L Race and United States Social Policy

Hours chosen from: Approved list

Theory, Policy, and Institutions- Comparative

GOV 360F Global Governance

Other courses from approved list on BDP website

Theory, Policy, and Institutions- US

HIS 317L.10 Rights in Modern America

Hours chosen from: Approved list

Approved Hours chosen from: internship and/or Connecting Experiences (see advisor) 6

BDP 320K Connecting Research Experience

BDP 320L Connecting Research Experience

BDP 325K Connecting Internship Experience

[Undergraduate Minor and Certificate Requirements and Policies](#)

Total Hours 18

Additional Requirements and Policy

- A three to four page essay in which students reflect on what they have learned and accomplished through their experience is required. The essay is reviewed and must be approved by a member of the faculty panel in order to complete the certificate requirements
- To create an interdisciplinary experience, students must choose courses from a variety of disciplines. Only one of the strand courses may come from the student's major department(s) or from same as with the student's major department(s). The certificate as a whole must represent a variety of disciplines; the advisor can help ensure that the coursework will meet the certificate requirements for interdisciplinarity.
- In courses taken for a letter grade, the student must obtain a grade of at least C- .
- A cumulative certificate GPA of at least 2.0 is required.
- Only one BDP course, including connecting experience, may be taken pass/fail. Any exceptions will be considered by the faculty panel on an individual basis.
- The student may be able to count courses toward the certificate that are not listed, if enough of the course content relates to the BDP topic. Consult with the advisor to petition a course to count towards the certificate.