

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN POLICY (HRHP)

Human Rights & Humanitarian Policy Curriculum

The Human Rights and Humanitarian Policy concentration at SIPA prepares students for careers addressing human rights issues in both the public and the private sector. It includes two focus areas while maintaining a common core curriculum. The Human Rights Policy focus area prepares students for careers requiring knowledge of corporate social responsibility, genocide prevention, gender and globalization, or rights-based development policy. The Humanitarian Policy focus area leads to careers that might focus on the management of complex emergencies, early recovery, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, aid coordination, or resource mobilization.

Many students bring substantial experience to the program, enriching the classroom dynamics. Previous graduates have pursued various careers and now work in various government agencies, the United Nations and other international organizations, NGOs, corporations, community organizations, think tanks, and service organizations.

The concentration is designed to allow flexibility for students' specialty within Human Rights and Humanitarian Policy. However, students may also choose to focus more generally on the fields of Human Rights or Humanitarian Policy.

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The Human Rights & Humanitarian Policy (HRHP) Program requires a minimum of 15 points of graduate coursework, consisting of five three-point courses, plus a recommended additional three points for the workshop.

Required Course

		Points
INAF U6751	International Human Rights Law	3.00

Concentration Focus Area

Students must take two or more courses from either Category A: Human Rights Policy or Category B: Humanitarian Policy

Category A: Human Rights Policy Focus Area (6 Points)

Select at least two courses from the following:

		Points
INAF U6041	Corporations and Human Rights	3.00
INAF U6143	Gender, Globalization, and Human Rights	3.00
INAF U6405	Human Rights and the Politics of Inequality	3.00
INAF U6489	Human Rights Research and Reporting	3.00
INAF U8180	Human Rights Skills # Advocacy	3.00
INAF U8166	Rethinking Human Rights # Humanitarianism	3.00
INAF U8189	Politics of History and Reconciliation	3.00
HRTS GU4880	HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES	3.00

Category B: Humanitarian Policy Focus Area (6 Points)

Select at least two courses from the following:

		Points
INAF U6190	Complex Emergencies: Root Causes to Rebuilding	3.00
INAF U6487	The Tenets and Dilemmas of Humanitarian Action	3.00
INAF U6490	International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law	3.00
INAF U8166	Rethinking Human Rights # Humanitarianism	3.00
INAF U8690	Managing Humanitarian Emergencies	3.00

INAF U8882	Practicum on Education in Emergencies	1.50
INAF U6573	Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Nexus	3.00
HRTS GU4930	INT'L HUMANITARIAN LAW/HUM RGTS	4.00

Electives

Select at least 1-2 of the following for 6 points¹:

		Points
HRHP Electives:		
INAF U4090	Accountability in Humanitarian Action	1.00
INAF U6141	Humanitarian Crisis Simulation	1.00
INAF U6151	Children # Armed Conflict	3.00
INAF U6486	Humanitarian Engagement with Armed Actors	1.50
INAF U6493	Giving Away Power: Young People # Humanitarian Practice	3.00
INAF U6494	Managing People in the Humanitarian Enterprise	3.00
INAF U6499	Human Rights and Humanitarian Policy Practicum	1.50
INAF U6765	The European Union and Human Rights	1.50
INAF U6768	Forced Displacement: Refugees, IDPs, and Others in a changing normative and political world	3.00
INAF U6802	International Law	3.00
SIPA - Other Courses of Interest		
INAF U6144	Campaigning for Change through Media, Mobilization # the Power of Persuasion	3.00
INAF U6202	Internet Governance and Human Rights	3.00
INAF U6173	Migration and Human Development	3.00
INAF U6348	Engaging Non-State Armed Groups: Lessons from the UN and Beyond	1.50
INAF U6374	Mainstreaming Gender in Global Affairs	3.00
INAF U6375	Gender and Livelihoods	1.50
INAF U6376	Transnational LGBTI Rights	1.50
INAF U8370	Promoting Decent Work and Labor Rights in a Globalized Economy	3.00
INAF U6892	Monitoring and Evaluation: Driving Evidence-Based Development and Humanitarian Aid	3.00
INAF U8785	Gender, Politics and Development: Theory, Policy # Practice	3.00
INAF U8886	Conflict Assessment	1.00
Institute for the Study of Human Rights: ²		
HRTS S4025Q	History of Human Rights	3.00
HRTS GU4185	HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE	3.00
HRTS GU4215	NGOs # THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT	3.00
HRTS GU4270	SOCIAL MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS	3.00
HRTS GU4460	Climate Justice	3.00
HRTS GU4940	Human Rights and Education	3.00
HRTS GU4975	Borders, Surveillance, Rights	3.00
HRTS GU4230	REFUGEES, FORCED MIGR # DISPLACEMENT	3.00
HRTS GU4270	SOCIAL MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS	3.00
HRTS S4400Q	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Human Rights	3.00

HRTS GU4500	SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS	3.00
HRTS GU4600	HUMAN RIGHTS IN ANTHROPOCENE	3.00
HRTS GU4650	CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ADVOCACY	3.00
HRTS GU4880	HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES	3.00
HRTS GU4900	UN HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES:IMPACT-REFORM-ADV	4.00
HRTS GU4930	INT'L HUMANITARIAN LAW/HUM RGTS	4.00
HRTS GU4950	HUMAN RIGHTS # HUMAN WRONGS	3.00
HRTS GU4965	Gender-Based Violence # Human Rights	3.00
HRTS G5300	Economic and Social Rights in Policy and Practice	3.00
HRTS GR6990	HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH SEM	3.00
Public Health: ³		
POPF P6670	Accountability and Ethics in Humanitarian Assistance	1.50
POPF P8607	Health and Human Rights Advocacy	3.00
POPF P8620	Protection of Children in Disaster & War	1.50
POPF P8625	Communicable Disease in Complex Emergencies	1.50
POPF P8639	Gender-based Violence in Complex Emergencies	1.50
POPF P8648	Food and Nutrition in Complex Emergencies	1.50
POPF P8651	Water and Sanitation in Complex Emergencies	1.50
POPF P8673	Reproductive Health in Crisis Situations	1.50
POPF P8679	Investigative Methods in Complex Emergencies	3.00
POPF P8683	Psychosocial and Mental Health Issues in Forced Migration	1.50
POPF P8687	Public Health and Humanitarian Action	3.00
POPF P9691	Lessons (Un)Learned in Humanitarian Assistance	1.50
Law: ⁴		
LAW L6250	Immigration Law	—
LAW L6276	Human Rights	—
LAW L6333	Refugee, Migration, and Citizenship Law	—
LAW L6459	The Law of Genocide	—
LAW L6506	Gender Justice	—
LAW L8044	Human Rights at Home: Advancing US Social Justices	—
LAW L8067	The Defense Of Freedom Of Expression Around The World: The Role Of The Advocate	—
LAW L8288	Socio-Economic Rights: Theory and Practice	—
LAW L8294	Managing Human Rights	—
LAW L8295	Sovereignty, Human Rights, Judicial Review	—
LAW L8816	Transnational Business & Human Rights	2.00
LAW L8887	September 11 and the Rights of Non-Citizens	—
LAW L8942	International Criminal Courts: Progress, Problems and Prospects	—
LAW L9165	Transitional Justice.	2.00
LAW L9183	Nuremberg Trials & War Crimes Law	—
LAW L9383	International Humanitarian Law	—
LAW L9410	Law and Policy of Homelessness	—
LAW L9832	Seminar: Human Rights Reparations under Domestic & International Law	—

Other:

CLEN GU4550	NARRATIVE AND HUMAN RIGHTS	3.00
EMPA U6036	Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility	3.00
POLS GU4474	Politics, Justice and Human Rights in Southeast Asia	4.00
REGN U6149	Energy, Corporate Responsibility # Human Rights	3.00
REGN U6545	Human Rights in the Western Balkans	1.50
REGN U6546	Human Rights & Civil Society in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia	3.00
REGN U6880	China in International Human Rights Regime	3.00

¹ The elective courses below are suggestions only. Students may choose from elective courses not listed below that are related to their area of specialty within human rights, as long as approved by the Concentration Director (Contact information available here: <https://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/concentrations/human-rights-humanitarian-policy>).

² For more detailed course information, please go to the Institute for the Study of Human Rights website at <http://humanrightscolumbia.org/education/graduate/graduate-course-list>.

³ For more detailed course information, please go to Mailman School of Public Health Courses website at <https://www.mailman.columbia.edu/people/current-students/academics/course-directory>.

⁴ For more detailed course information, please go to the *Law School Curriculum Guide* at <http://www.law.columbia.edu/courses/search>.

Degree Audit Report

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