

HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL STUDIES (HRGS)

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HRGS DEGREES/PROGRAMMES OFFERED

3-year BA

4-year BA

INTRODUCTION

The University of Winnipeg Global College fosters global citizenship and engagement in human rights through interdisciplinary teaching, research, dialogue, and action in local and global communities. Through its Human Rights and Global Studies Thematic Major, the Global College provides a formal structure for students seeking to obtain an education organized around perspectives on social justice, global citizenship, and human rights. A guiding premise is that 'human rights' are understood in multiple ways, and thus this major adopts an interdisciplinary approach. Within the core courses, students will explore issues of 'human rights' in the particular context of globalization. Through selecting elective courses across the three streams of study, students will be exposed to diverse perspectives on human rights from fields such as conflict resolution, gender studies, international development studies, culture and communication, English, French, politics, history, geography, philosophy, anthropology, economics, and religious studies. Students will also have opportunities for experiential learning to complement teaching and research.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN HUMAN RIGHTS & GLOBAL STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Students must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. Students can declare this Human Rights Major in their second year, and are required to consult with the coordinator of the HRGS degree program or their student advisor or Global College staff and to receive permission from the coordinator of the HRGS degree program - before declaring the Major. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for entry

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

90 credit hours

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Degree: 30 credit hours
Major: 18 credit hours

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities
Sciences: 6 credit hours in Science
Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
Maximum Introductory courses: Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of six may be below the 1000 level.
Distribution: A minimum of three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects

MAJOR REQUIREMENT

Single Major: 36 credit hours
Double Major: 36 credit hours in Human Rights and Global Studies and specified number of credit hours in other Major, subject or program

Required Courses: Students must complete the following core courses (15 credit hours):

WGS-1232 (6) Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
HRGS-2101(6) Human Rights: from Local to Global
HRGS-3001(3) Capstone in Human Rights and Global Studies (with optional practicum; see Experimental Courses below.)

Students must complete 15 credit hours selected from the following related (cognate) options:

ANTH/IDS-3160(3)	Cultural Perspectives on Global Processes
CRS-3931(3)	Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
GEOG-2411(3)	Geography of Globalization
POL-2100(6)	Introduction to Global Politics
RHET-2135(3)	Rhetorical Criticism
PHIL/POL-2200(6)	Social and Political Philosophy
SOC-2101(6)	Social Inequality in the Era of Globalization
SOC-3101(6)	Globalization and Social Justice: a Sociological Approach

Electives:

Students must complete at a minimum an additional 6 credit hours, chosen from any one of the three streams noted below. Their major must also include a minimum of 6 credit hours at the 3000/4000 level in addition to HRGS-3001(3).

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN HUMAN RIGHTS & GLOBAL STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	Students must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. Students can declare this Human Rights Major in their second year, and are required to consult with the coordinator of the HRGS degree program or their student advisor or Global College staff and to receive permission from the coordinator of the HRGS degree program - before declaring the Major. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for entry.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	120 credit hours
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	Degree: 60 credit hours Major: 30 credit hours
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities Sciences: 6 credit hours in Science Social Sciences: 12 credit hours Writing: Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing Maximum Introductory courses: Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of six may be below the 1000 level. Distribution: A minimum of three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects
MAJOR REQUIREMENT	Single Major: 54 credit hours Double Major: 54 credit hours in Human Rights and Global Studies and specified number of credit hours in other Major, subject or program
Cognates:	Minimum of 18 credit hours/ Maximum of 30 hours in ancillary courses. Maximum total of cognate and major courses is 84 credit hours.

Required Courses: Students must complete the following core courses (15 credit hours):

WGS-1232 (6)	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
HRGS-2101(6)	Human Rights: from Local to Global
HRGS- 4001(3)	Capstone in Human Rights and Global Studies (with mandatory practicum; see Experimental Courses below.)

Students must complete 15 credit hours selected from the following related (cognate) options:

ANTH/IDS-3160(3)	Cultural Perspectives on Global Processes
CRS-3931(3)	Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
GEOG-2411(3)	Geography of Globalization
POL-2100(6)	Introduction to Global Politics
RHET-2135(3)	Rhetorical Criticism
PHIL/POL-2200(6)	Social and Political Philosophy
SOC-2101(6)	Social Inequality in the Era of Globalization
SOC-3101(6)	Globalization and Social Justice: a Sociological Approach

Electives:

Students must complete at a minimum an additional 24 credit hours, chosen from two of the three streams noted below with a minimum of 9 credit hours coming from each of the two selected streams. Their major must also include a minimum of 15 credit hours at the 3000/4000 level in addition to the capstone HRGS- 4001(3).

STREAMS (for the 3 and 4 year HRGS BA)**STREAM 1: READING AND WRITING HUMAN RIGHTS**

RHET-2138(3) Modern Rhetorical Theory **OR**
 RHET-2136(3) Orality and Literacy
 RHET-2137(3) Contemporary Communication Theories **OR**
 RHET-2139(3) Rhetorics of Visual Representations
 ENGL-2722(6) Postcolonial Literatures **OR**
 RHET-3151(3) Critical Studies of Discourse
 RHET-3153(3) Studies in the Rhetorics of Gender **OR**
 ENGL-3715(6) Diasporic Literatures in Canada
 ENGL-3717(6) Aboriginal Literatures **OR**
 ENGL-3901(6) Twentieth Century Gay and Lesbian Literature
 SPAN-2384(3) Modern Peninsular Spanish Literature and Culture **OR**
 SPAN-2385(3) Literature and Culture of Post-Franco Spain
 FREN-3580(3)/4580(3) Le Siecle des Lumieres **OR**
 FREN-3581(3)/4581(3) Eighteenth Century Literature: Lumieres et Revolution
 FREN-3883(3)/4883(3) Pre-Independence Francophone African Literature **OR**
 FREN-3884(3)/4884(3) Francophone Black Feminist Literature
 HRGS 2650; 3650; 4650 Special Topics in Human Rights and Global Studies (See Experimental Courses below.)

STREAM 2: SOCIETY, CULTURE, AND ECONOMY

CRS-2241(3) Conflict and Culture
 ANTH/IDS-2160(3) Indigenous People and the Industrial State **OR**
 CRS/IDS-2443(3) Conflict and Development Issues in Indigenous Communities
 ECON-2317(3) Environmental Economics **OR**
 GEOG-2417(3) Introduction to Economic Geography
 HIST/IDS-2130(6) A History of the Developing World **OR**
 ECON-3305(3) Economic Development
 REL-2402(3) Fundamentalisms in Global Perspective **OR**
 REL-2511(3) Religion and Society: The Critique of Development
 SOC-2404(3) Sociology of Development and Underdevelopment **OR**
 ECON-3306(3) International Aspects of Economic Development
 GEOG-3508(3) Geographical Issues in the Developing World **OR**
 POL-3105(6) Global Political Economy
 HIST- One course in Modern African History (at or above the 2000 level) **OR**
 HIST- One course in Modern Asian History (at or above the 2000 level)
 HIST- One course in Modern Latin American History (at or above the 2000 level) **OR**
 HIST- One course on Labor History in Canada (at or above the 2000 level)
 HIST- One course in area of Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing (at or above the 2000 level) **OR**
 HIST- One course in Modern European History (at or above the 2000 level)

STREAM 3: INSTITUTIONS, LAW, AND POLITICS

PHIL-2208(3) War and Peace
 CRS-2231(3) Nonviolent Social Change **OR**
 REL-2404(3) Religion and Culture: Religions in Encounter and Change
 REL-2405(3) Religion and Culture: The Multifaith Society **OR**
 CRS- 2421(3) Legal Systems and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
 SOC-2109(3) Social Policy and Social Welfare **OR**
 MULT-3001(3) Ethics of Globalization
 IDS/CRS-3901(3) Humanitarian Aid and Conflict: Do No Harm **OR**
 POL-3135(6) Human Security Issues
 WGS-3242(3) Women and Peacemaking **OR**
 PHIL-3215(6) Philosophy and Social Reality
 POL-3110(3) International Organization **OR**
 POL-2225(3) The Idea of Democracy
 POL-3120(3) International Law **OR**
 POL-3300(3) Public Policy Processes
 POL-3400(3) Aboriginal Politics in Canada **OR**

Experimental Courses

Experimental Courses are new courses offered on a trial basis to gauge interest in various topics. Students who successfully complete any experimental course receive credit as indicated.

HRGS-1100(3) Year I Seminar in Global Studies

This course introduces first-year students to global human rights challenges and opportunities, and cultivates foundational skills for academic success. In the context of a small seminar, students explore global issues through current news items, literature review, and social analysis, with particular emphases shaped by the instructor's research expertise, such as gender equality, children and war, and post-conflict reconciliation. The course strengthens skills in critical thinking and analysis, writing, and oral communication.

HRGS-2101(6) Human Rights: Local to Global

This course introduces students to human rights theory and practice in a global context, explored from a range of disciplinary perspectives. Course themes may include: legal, moral, and philosophical accounts of human rights; major international and national human rights frameworks/policies; the international human rights movement; tension between sovereignty and human rights; cultural relativism vs. universalism; retrospective justice/reconciliation; human rights methodology/reporting; the role of courts, IGOs, NGOs, and civil society; civil-political vs. economic/social/cultural rights; the intersection of human rights discourses with gender, race, ethnicity, technology, health, indigeneity, foreign policy, militarism, security, labour, and globalization.

HRGS-2310(3) Needs of Refugees and War-Affected Populations

Drawing from a variety of disciplines and professions, this course examines the challenges that people encounter in rebuilding their lives after forced displacement. While considering experiences of forced migration around the world, the course focuses primarily on the experiences of war-affected populations in Canada related to social integration, employment, and public services. The course highlights specific case studies and strategies to improve services to war-affected populations.

HRGS-2650(3) Special Topics in Human Rights and Global Studies

This course focuses on current issues in Human Rights and Global Studies, covering political, philosophical, economic, religious, and ethical issues. Topics may include foundations of human rights, comparative systems of social justice, refugee issues, border studies, ethics of globalization, poverty, and history of disease. The course may be repeated if topic varies. Contact the Institute for Human Rights and Global Studies, Global College for more information.

HRGS-3001(3) Capstone on Human Rights and Global Studies This capstone course examines theories and practices of human rights and contemporary global issues, and evaluates on-going cultural, economic, religious, legal, sociological, and ideological debates that continue to influence the promotion of basic human rights. The course is taught within a multidisciplinary theoretical framework. Topics such as war, child labor, genocide, economic ideologies, gender discrimination, and humanitarian work are covered from regional, national, and international perspectives. The course can be taken for letter grade or as a pass/fail course. NOTE: This capstone course is intended for students in the last year of the 3-year HRGS BA program, and offers an optional practicum. Students must explore practicum options with the HRGS Director or Global College staff, well in advance if they propose to engage in a practicum.

MULT-3002(6) Activist Internship in Human Rights and Social Justice is an option for HRGS 3001 students interested in a practicum.

MULT-3002(6) Activist Internship in Human Rights and Social Justice

This course - for 3rd and 4th year students having completed 30 hours of credit at the university level - offers access to a variety of human rights and social justice initiatives in Manitoba, over a 12 month period, which may include: conferences, workshops, seminars, summer institutes and various projects undertaken by community organizations, Global College and its Institutes, programs and initiatives through Menno Simons College and centres like The Global Welcome Centre that has initiated partnerships with the university and refugee communities.

HRGS-3410(3) Transitional Justice

This course examines transitional justice, the processes by which societies deal with the legacy of widespread human rights abuses after a period of oppression or violent conflict in order to achieve the transition to a just and stable society. The course investigates a variety of transitional justice mechanisms, such as reparations, truth commissions, reconciliation activities, and criminal tribunals.

HRGS-3510(3 or 6) Practicum in HRGS

In the Practicum, students integrate theory and classroom knowledge with practice through supervised field work and structured assignments and reflections. The practicum involves volunteer work related to Human Rights and Global Studies in a relevant organization, and participation in specified seminars and/or written analyses. **Enrollment is subject to approval of a practicum proposal submitted by a student with a declared major in HRGS. Interested students are advised to consult the HRGS Coordinator well in advance of the term in which they wish to enroll.**

PREREQUISITES: HRGS-2101(6) (or the previous POL-2101)

HRGS-3650(3) Special Topics in Human Rights and Global Studies

This course focuses on current issues in Human Rights and Global Studies, covering political, philosophical, economic, religious, and ethical issues. Topics may include foundations of human rights, comparative systems of social justice, refugee issues, border studies, ethics of globalization, poverty, and history of disease. The course may be repeated if topic varies. Contact the Institute for Human Rights and Global Studies, Global College for more information.

HRGS-4001(3) Capstone on Human Rights and Global Studies

This capstone course examines theories and practices of human rights and contemporary global issues, and evaluates on-going cultural, economic, religious, legal, sociological, and ideological debates that continue to influence the promotion of basic human rights. The course is taught within a multidisciplinary theoretical framework. Topics such as war, child labor, genocide, economic ideologies, gender discrimination, and humanitarian work are covered from regional, national, and international perspectives. The course can be taken for letter grade or as a pass/fail course. NOTE: This capstone course is intended for students in the last year of the 4-year HRGS BA program, who are required to write a mini-thesis informed by their practicum. Students must explore practicum options with the HRGS Director or Global College staff, well in advance of the term in which they propose to engage in the practicum. MULT-3002(6) Activist Internship in Human Rights and Social Justice is an option for HRGS 4001 students required to complete a practicum.

HRGS-4350(3) Post-Conflict Truth, Memory and Reconciliation

The suffering from atrocities during war-time is often seen as producing lingering individual and collective trauma, contributing to either personal dysfunction or successive cycles of violence where oppressed groups become the perpetrators in future regimes or conflicts. This course probes the role of memory in transitional societies, with particular emphasis on using memory to strengthen mechanisms for justice and human rights. Reconciliation projects, ranging from community-based initiatives to formal legislated undertakings such as truth and reconciliation commissions are examined in depth.

PREREQUISITES: HRGS-3410(3) or permission of the instructor

HRGS-4650(3) Special Topics in Human Rights and Global Studies

This seminar course focuses on current issues in Human Rights and Global Studies covering political, philosophical, economic, religious, and ethical issues. Topics may include foundations of human rights, comparative systems of social justice, refugee issues, border studies, ethics of globalization, poverty, and history of disease. The method of teaching may include seminars and film. The course may be repeated for credit if the topic varies. Contact the Institute for Human Rights and Global Studies, Global College for more information.

HRGS-4671(3 or 6) Independent Study in HRGS

An independent study is an individualized course of study or research for advanced students under the supervision of a faculty member. The faculty supervisor and the student develop a program of reading or research. Typically the student is required to prepare a major paper or other research project and to take an oral examination.

PREREQUISITES: Permission of the instructor