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Master of Arts in International Human Rights

The MA in International Human Rights provides students with the opportunity to explore issues of human dignity while critically examining the norms, historical processes, social movements, strategies, and institutions designed to promote and protect human rights in our globalizing world. The program is pioneering and unique among its peers for interdisciplinary study, rigor, and flexibility. It links human rights to law, security, gender and minoritized studies, migration issues, economic development, health, security, human trafficking, humanitarian assistance, geographic areas, and other related themes. It emphasizes both theory and practice.

For practical experience, students can take skills courses, certificates, participate in educational trips, complete internships, and have opportunities for fieldwork in the U.S. and around the world. Through research centers, guest lectures, conferences, and film series, students participate in a wide range of human rights research and advocacy projects. Graduates typically seek and obtain positions in international nonprofits, international human rights advocacy organizations, international aid agencies, governmental and intergovernmental organizations, business sector, the human rights legal profession, and academia.

Degree Requirements (60 credit hours total):

1. Korbel Core – two courses (8 credits):

- INTS 4091 - Great Issues in International Relations
(offered each Fall quarter; take as early in the program as possible)
- INTS 4090 – Values-Based Leadership in International and Public Affairs
(offered each Winter quarter; take as late in the program as possible)

2. Degree Core - three courses (12 credits):

- a. INTS 4940 – Introduction to Human Rights*
** Highly recommended electives: INTS 4301 -Intro to Political Theory or INTS 4822 - Contemporary Political Theory*
- b. **One of the following:**
 - INTS 4677 – Introduction to Law, Foreign Policy and Moral Theory in Human Rights
 - INTS 4935 - International Humanitarian Law
 - INTS 4936 - International Law and Human Rights
- c. **One of the following:**
 - INTS 4649 - Human Rights and the Middle East
 - INTS 4670 - Gender, Security and Human Rights
 - INTS 4801 - Major Issues in Human Rights
 - INTS 4828 - Migration and Refugees
 - INTS 4947 - Human Rights and Security

3. Specialization - three courses (12 credits):

Each student creates a specialization area by completing at least three courses that are linked thematically. Specializations may center on an issue, region, or other human rights themes. Students

are required to complete at least one specialization but may also choose to complete a second specialization. Students have considerable latitude in the design of their selected specialization area, but must have it approved by the Human Rights degree director. Students choosing to complete a graduate Certificate may use three of those Certificate classes to form a specialization.

The following course clusters are examples of approved specialization options. For other specializations, please seek the approval of the degree director.

- **Economic, Development, and Health Rights**
 - INTS 4364 - Human Rights and Global Poverty
 - INTS 4367 - Global Health Affairs
 - INTS 4368 - HIV/AIDS in International Affairs
 - INTS 4492 - Health and Humanitarian Assistance
 - INTS 4521 - Cultures of Development

- **Security Rights and Humanitarian Assistance**
 - INTS 4011 - Comparative Genocide and Human Rights
 - INTS 4502 - Comparative Revolutions
 - INTS 4581 - Introduction to Humanitarian Systems
 - INTS 4630 - Civilian Protection in Armed Conflict
 - INTS 4647 - Critical Issues in International Humanitarian Assistance
 - INTS 4987 - Human Rights and Human Trafficking

- **Regions or Countries**
 - Africa*
 - INTS 4427 - Political Economy of Sustainable Development in Africa

 - Asia*
 - INTS 4664 - Political Economies of Emerging Powers
 - INTS 4785 - Modern China: Reform and Revolution

 - Europe and Central Europe*
 - INTS 4646 - European Integration
 - INTS 4760 - Russian Foreign and Defense Policy

 - Latin America*
 - INTS 4453 - Political Economic Development in Latin America
 - INTS 4794 - Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean

 - Middle East*
 - INTS 4384 - Middle East and U.S. Security
 - INTS 4620 - Introduction to Middle Eastern and Islamic Politics

 - United States*
 - INTS 4700 - U.S. Foreign Policy

- **Human Rights Themes**
 - INTS 4372 - Great Books in Political Economy
 - INTS 4478 - Donald Trump, Democratic Decline, and Authoritarian Populism
 - INTS 4526 - Modern Islamic Politics
 - INTS 4599 - Ethics and International Affairs
 - INTS 4710 - Topics: Gandhi, Socrates, and Mass Non-Violent Resistance
 - INTS 4804 - Realism and Democracy

- INTS 4820 - Democracy and War
- INTS 4822 - Contemporary Political Theory
- INTS 4890 - Revolutions and State Building

4. Skills Courses - three courses (**12 credits**):

a. INTS 4051 - Statistics II* or INTS 4057 - Statistics I and II**

d. One Methods course:

- INTS 4010 – Epistemology
- INTS 4522 – Philosophy of Social Science
- INTS 4644 – Human Rights Research Methods
- INTS 4632 – Qualitative Research Methods
- INTS 4999 – Research Design

e. One additional skills-oriented courses approved by the Human Rights Degree Director

While not an exhaustive list of options, the following skills-oriented classes are recommended:

- INTS 4333 – International Project Design and Monitoring
- INTS 4342 – Project Management
- INTS 4423 – Introduction to Epidemiology
- INTS 4497 – International Campaign Management
- INTS 4579 – International Futures
- INTS 4711 – Campaigns and Foreign Policy
- INTS 4956 – Human Trafficking Clinic
- INTS 4966 – Applied Field Methods

** Students must complete INTS 4050 - Statistical Methods I (with a grade of C- or better) before they are eligible to register for INTS 4051 - Statistical Methods II. Students will receive elective credit for completing INTS 4050, but it cannot be used to satisfy the quantitative requirement for the degree.*

*** Students may take INTS 4057 - Statistics I and II, instead of INTS 4051 - Statistical Methods II, if they have a strong quantitative background. This is a fast-paced course and combines what is taught in Statistics I and Statistics II, so only take INTS 4057 if you are confident in your ability to keep up in such an environment.*

5. Foreign Language: strongly recommended

6. Internship: Required (registered as INTS 4981, for 0 or 4 credits)

- Please see the Internship section of the Handbook for more details

7. Thesis (0-8 credits) or Substantial Research Paper (0-4 credits): Optional

8. Electives: quantity will depend on remaining number of credits needed to reach the minimum requirements of **60 credits**.

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