



# Human Rights & Social Justice

Bridging Disciplines Programs allow you to earn an interdisciplinary certificate that integrates area requirements, electives, courses for your major, internships, and research experiences.

The Human Rights & Social Justice BDP introduces you to the interdisciplinary study and practice of human rights at home and around the world. You will 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, you will develop your 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, you will 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 of the program, you will have the opportunity to complement your coursework with hands-on experience in an organization working on human rights and social justice concerns.

Upon completion of **19 credit hours** from the options listed to the right, you will earn a certificate in Human Rights & Social Justice.

The Human Rights & Social Justice BDP is offered in collaboration with the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice at UT-Austin. The BDP is overseen by a panel of faculty members from across campus. Members include Barbara Harlow (English), Kamran Ali (Anthropology), Arturo Arias (Spanish and Portuguese), Luis Carcamo-Huechante (Spanish and Portuguese), Evan Carton (English), Ruramisai Charumbira (History), Mercedes de Uriarte (Journalism), Karen Engle (Law), Rowena Fong (Social Work), Glenn Frankel (Journalism), Benjamin Gregg (Government), Sue Heinzelman (English), Mark Lawrence (History), and Shannon Speed (Anthropology).

The Bridging Disciplines Programs offer interdisciplinary certificates in the following areas:

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Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies  
Cultural Studies  
Digital Arts & Media  
Environment  
Ethics & Leadership

Global Studies  
Human Rights & Social Justice  
Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurship  
Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits  
Social Inequality, Health & Policy

For more information about the Bridging Disciplines Programs, go to: FAC 338, [www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp), or call (512) 232-7564.

## Foundation Courses (4 Credit Hours)

Foundation courses introduce key methodologies and issues related to Human Rights & Social Justice. Choose one course from each of the following categories.

### I. Forum Seminar

BDP 101: Human Rights and Social Justice

### II. Human Rights History and Theory Course

BDP 319: Human Rights: Theories/Practices

## Connecting Experiences (6 Credit Hours)

Your BDP advisor can help you find internships and research opportunities that connect Human Rights & Social Justice to your major. We call these opportunities "Connecting Experiences," because they play such an important role in integrating your studies. At least one of your two required Connecting Experiences (3 hours) must be an internship experience. Your BDP advisor can help you think about possibilities for connecting experiences, and you may also visit the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, which provides resources about internship opportunities and faculty at UT with research interests related to human rights.

For more information and for examples of past connecting experiences, visit [www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp) and consult your BDP advisor.

## Strand Courses (9 Credit Hours)

In addition to your Foundation Courses and Connecting Experiences, you must complete 9 credit hours of strand courses. You should work with your BDP advisor to choose strand courses that will focus your BDP on your specific interests, provide you with an interdisciplinary perspective on your BDP topic, and at the same time expose you to multiple areas of concern for human rights researchers and practitioners. In order to create an interdisciplinary experience, you must choose courses from a variety of disciplines. Individual course listings for these categories are located on the opposite side of this page.

**IMPORTANT:** In designing your strand, you must choose courses either from more than one of the following **Topics** categories, or from more than one of the **Geographic** categories (e.g. Regional, US, or Comparative) listed on the back of this page:

**Topics:** Nationalism, Imperialism, and War  
Social Groups and Social Justice  
Theory, Policy, and Institutions

## Integration Essay

In order to complete your BDP certificate, write a 3-4 page integration essay in which you reflect on what you learned and accomplished through your BDP experience. This essay is your opportunity to draw connections among your interdisciplinary BDP coursework, your connecting experiences, and your major. For additional guidelines, please consult your BDP advisor.

Complete 9 credit hours of strand courses drawn from among the categories on this page. You should work with your BDP advisor to choose strand courses that will focus your BDP on your specific interests, provide you with an interdisciplinary perspective on your BDP topic, and expose you to multiple areas of concern for human rights researchers and practitioners. In designing your strand, you must choose courses either from more than one of the following **Topics** categories (e.g. Nationalism, Imperialism, and War; Social Groups and Social Justice; or Theory, Policy, and Institutions), **OR** from more than one of the **Geographic** categories (e.g. Regional, US, or Comparative) listed within each Topic.

**Note that only one of your strand courses may come from your major department(s), or from courses cross-listed with your major department(s).**

### Social Groups and Social Justice

#### *Comparative*

AFR 317E: Diaspora: Race/Nation/Resistance  
 ISL 372: Muslim Women in Politics  
 RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: Rhetoric of Protest)  
 S W 325: Foundations of Social Justice  
 S W 360K: Global Project Development  
 SOC 308: When Topic is Appropriate  
 SOC 321K: Anti-Semitism

#### *Regional (Non-US)*

ANT 324L: Polit of Race/Violence in Brazil  
 HIS 350L: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: Women in South Asian Societies)  
 PRC 320E: Gender/Labor in Brazil  
 SOC 336G: Gender Politics in Islamic World

#### *US*

AFR 374F: Urban Unrest  
 ANT 324L: Race & Criminal Justice System  
 E 376M: Writing Slavery  
 HIS 317L: Intro to African Amer History  
 HIS 317L: Mexican Amer Women, 1910-Pres  
 HIS 317L: The Black Power Movement  
 HIS 350R: Domestic Slave Trade  
 HIS 356P: The US in the Civil Rights Era  
 HIS 357C: African Amer History to 1860  
 J 340C: Mass Media and Minorities

### Social Groups and Social Justice (Continued)

RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: Rhetoric of Prisoners' Rights)  
 S W 360K: Intro Disblty Studies: Socl Context of Disblty  
 SOC 308: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: Contemp US Social Problems)

### Nationalism, Imperialism, and War

#### *Comparative*

AFR 317E: Liberation in African Diaspora  
 HIS 350L: Imperialism: Empir-Globlzn  
 HIS 350L: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: History of Imperialism)  
 RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate

#### *Regional (Non-US)*

GOV 365N: Politics in Contemp Africa  
 HIS 310: Introduction to Modern Africa  
 HIS 317L: The United States and Africa  
 HIS 340R: European Empires in Asia  
 HIS 346K: Colonial Latin America  
 HIS 350L: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: Gandhi and Gandhism)  
 HIS 362G: Introduction to the Holocaust  
 HIS 363K: Rel/Conq/Conv Col Mexico/Peru  
 HIS 364G: Apartheid: South African History  
 HIS 364G: Slavery & South Asian History  
 WGS 340: Holocaust Aftereffects

#### *US*

HIS 317L: Intro to American Indian History  
 HIS 350L: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: US Imperialism & 20-Cen Race/Pol)

### Theory, Policy, and Institutions

#### *Comparative*

E 360S: Literature and Social Justice  
 GOV 335M: Global Justice  
 GOV 360N: Global Governance  
 GOV 365L: Rights and the State in South Asia  
 GOV 365N: Human Rights and World Politics  
 GOV 365N: Immigration and Comparative Politics  
 HIS 317N: Roots of Religious Toleration  
 RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: Rhetoric of Human Rights)

### Theory, Policy and Institutions (Continued)

S W 460K: Roots of Social/Econ Justice-Eng  
 SOC 322V: Race, Gender, Surveillance  
 SOC 340C: Globalization  
 WGS 345: Gender/Torture/State in Crisis

#### *US*

GOV 357M: Structure of Indiv Liberties  
 MAS 319: Compar Latina/o Immig to US  
 RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: Rhetoric of Rights in the United States)  
 SOC 308: When Topic is Appropriate  
 (Past Topics: Capital Punishment in America)  
 SOC 321K: US Immigration  
 SOC 336C: American Dilemmas  
 SOC 352: Social Movements

### **Important Notes on Fulfilling Your BDP Requirements**

- **PREREQUISITES:** Some courses may have prerequisites. Please consult your BDP advisor to determine your eligibility for enrolling in specific courses.
- **CROSS-LISTINGS:** Note that many courses on this list may be cross-listed with other departments. You may take these courses under any of the cross-listed numbers. Please consult the course schedule or your BDP advisor for cross-listing information.
- **GRADES AND GPA REQUIREMENTS:** In courses taken for a letter grade, you must obtain a grade of C- or better to meet BDP requirements. The cumulative GPA of all courses counting toward your BDP certificate must be at least 2.0.
- **PASS/FAIL:** Only one BDP course, including connecting experience courses, may be taken pass/fail. Any exceptions will be considered by the faculty panel on an individual basis.
- **SIGNATURE COURSES:** Many of the First-Year Signature Courses (UGS 302 and UGS 303) that include significant content related to Human Rights & Social Justice may also count toward your certificate; please consult your BDP advisor for more information.
- **PETITIONS:** You may be able to count courses toward your BDP certificate that do not appear on this curriculum sheet, if enough of the course content relates to your BDP topic. Please consult your BDP advisor if you would like to petition for a course to count toward your BDP.