

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 Jason Cons (Anthropology), Kamran Ali (Anthropology), C.J. Alvarez (Mexican American and Latina/o Studies), Michael Anderson (International Relations and Global Studies), Karen Engle (Law), Rhonda Evans (Government), Neville Hoad (English), Monica Jimenez (African and African Diaspora Studies), Nestor Rodriguez (Sociology), Snehal Shingavi (English), Pavithra Vasudevan (African and African Diaspora Studies), and Michael Young (Sociology).

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

Children & Society	Human Rights & Social Justice
Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies	Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurship
Design Strategies	Museum Studies
Digital Arts & Media	Patients, Practitioners & Cultures of Care
Environment & Sustainability	Public Policy
Ethics & Leadership in Business	Smart Cities
Ethics & Leadership in Health Care	Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits
Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government	Social Inequality, Health & Policy

For more information about the Bridging Disciplines Programs, go to www.ugs.utexas.edu/bdp or email us at bdp@austin.utexas.edu. Follow us on Instagram: @ut_bdp

Foundation Courses (4 Credit Hours)

Foundation courses introduce key methodologies and issues related to Human Rights & Social Justice. **Take 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 and 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 credit hours each) 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 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 concentrations are located on the opposite side of this page.

IMPORTANT: In designing your concentration, 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 concentration, 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 315R: Diaspora: Race/Nation/Resistnc
AFR 374E: Frm Ferguson to the Favelas
AMS 311S: Prison Art Lit Protest-WB
ANT 324G: Environmental Anthropology
ANT 324L: Decolonial Intersectionality-WB
ANT 324L: Black Women/Transnatl State
CMS 367: Collective Action
F A 371: Producing Art for Social Change
GOV 370S: Social Movements: Thry/Prac
HIS 350L: Race, Science, and Racism
HIS 347N: Urban Slavery in the Americas
MAS 364: Hist of US-Mex Borderland
MAS 374: US and Mexico Relations
RHE 309K: When Topic Is Appropriate
S W 325: Foundations of Social Justice
SOC 308: When Topic Is Appropriate
SOC 335R: Reproductive Justice & Race

Regional (Non-US)

AFR 374E: Racism & Inequality Lat Am
AFR 374E: Race and Rights in Latin America
ANT 361: Development and Movement
ANT 310L: Muslims in Europe
HIS 350L: When Topic is Appropriate
HIS 350L: Urban Slavery in the Americas
HIS 350L: Women & Wealth in South Asia
HIS 365G: Women/Social Movements in US
LAS 322E: Latino Migrations and Asylum
MAS 374: Latino Migrations and Asylum
MEL 321: Turks in Europe
SPN 356: Indigenous Resurgence

Social Groups and Social Justice (Continued)

US

AAS 330: Blacks/Asians: Race/Soc Movmnt
AAS 335: Brdg Comm Thru Serv Learn
AFR 317D: Community Policing in US
AFR 324E: Racism And Antiracism-WB
AFR 372C: Black Freedom Movement
AFR 372F: Urban Unrest
AFR 374D: Black Lives Matter Mvmt
AFR 351G: Black Women in America
AFR 370: Freedom Summer
AMS 311S: Environ Justice/Culture/Soc
AMS 311S: Gendering Asian America
AMS 321: Policing Latinidad
AMS 327I: Religion Social Justice-WB
ANT 322M: Natv Amer Cul Greater Sthwst
ANT 322M: Mexican Immigratn Cul Hist
E 360S: Literature of Islamophobia
E 376M: Writing Slavery
GOV 360F: Afr Amer Women Pol Activism
GOV 371D: Race Policing Incarceration
H S 340: Sustainability Equity Health
HIS 317L: The Black Power Movement
HIS 317L: 18-Immigration and Ethnicity
HIS 350R: When Topic Is Appropriate
HIS 350R: Refugees In 20Th-Century Us
HIS 356P: The US In The Civil Rights Era
HIS 357C: African Amer History To 1860
LAH 350: 31-Immigration Literature
MAS 311: Ethnicity & Gender: La Chicana
MAS 374: Native Amer Women's History-WB
RHE 309K: When Topic Is Appropriate
RTF 323C: Screening Race
RHE 330E: Rhet and Gender Violence
SOC 307L: Gender/Race/Class Amer Soc
SOC 308: When Topic Is Appropriate
SOC 335R: Reproductive Justice & Race
SOC 359: Labor And Labor Movements
WGS 303: Intro to LGBTQ Studies-WB
WGS 340: Chicana Feminisms

Nationalism, Imperialism, and War

Comparative

AFR 374E: Race Against Empire: Americas
ANT 310L: Intro Natv Am/Indig Studies
ANT 320L: Lang Endangerment/Rights
ANT 324L: Global Indigenous Issues
GOV 360R: Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence
GOV 365I: Authoritarianism
GOV 365N: Ethics of Foreign Intervention
GOV 379S: Refugees and Forced Migration
HIS 350L: When Topic is Appropriate
HIS 350L: Liberalism & British Empire
LAS 322: Race, Empire, and Modernity
RHE 309K: When Topic Is Appropriate

Regional (Non-US)

AFR 374E: Nationalism in the Caribbean
ANS 361: 44-Gender and Modern India
GSD 360: Memories of War
HIS 306N: Revltn/Decoloniztn N Africa
HIS 310: Introduction to Modern Africa
HIS 317L: The United States and Africa
HIS 346K: Colonial Latin America
HIS 346L: African Travel Narratives
HIS 346L: Uprising in India-1857
HIS 347R: Chile: Revlutn to Cntrtrrsm
HIS 350L: When Topic is Appropriate
HIS 350L: Dict/Drty War/Dem Lat Amer
HIS350L: 69-DECOLONIZATN OF BRIT EMPIRE
HIS 350L: 84-AFRICAN TRAVEL NARRATIVES
HIS 350L: 35-NIGERIA: HIST OF NAT-BLDG
HIS 350L: 92-UPRISING IN INDIA-1857
HIS 350L: PARTITION OF INDIA IN HIST LIT
HIS 362G: Introduction to the Holocaust
J S 365C: Multicultural Israel
LAH 350: Holocaust Aftereffects
LAS 370S: Violence in Contemp Mex Cul

US

AFR 350K: Puerto Rico In Crisis
AMS 311S: American Catastrophes
HIS 350R: When Topic Is Appropriate
(Past Topics: US Imperialism & 20-Cen Race/Pol)

Theory, Policy, and Institutions

Comparative

AFR 360D: Race, Gender, and Surveillance
ANT 324L: 72-Development Security Society
ANT 324L: Political Ecology
CMS 356C: Collective Action
GOV 337M: Law Hmn Rights Viol in Lat Am
GOV 360F: Global Governance
GOV 360N: International Organization
GOV 365L: Rights and the State in South Asia
GOV 365I: Authoritarianism
GOV 365N: Intl Dev and Global Justice
GOV 365N: Relg Ethics Human Rights
GOV 365W: Human Rights And World Politics
HIS 306N: Indig Perspectvs Global His
J 354F: Jour Press Frdm Lat Amer
M E 379M: Iss in Humanitariam Engr-FRA
PHL 325J: Health And Justice
RHE 309K: When Topic Is Appropriate
RHE 330D: Rhetoric Of Racism
RHE 330E: Peacemaking Rhetoric
S W 460K: Roots Of Socl/Econ Justice-Eng
SOC 321K: Ngos Humanitarian Aid/Hlth

US

AFR 372F: No Matter What: Policing/US
ALD 331: Restorative Practices
AMS 311S: When Topic Is Appropriate
AMS 315: Rights In Modern America
GOV 357M: Structure Of Indiv Liberties
GOV 375M: Civil Liberties
HS 341: Health and Justice-WB
R S 346: Religion/Social Justice U.S.
RHE 309K: When Topic Is Appropriate
RHE 330E: Rhetoric And The Law
S W 360K: Adv Social/Economic Justice
SOC 307T: Punishment and Society
SOC 308: When Topic Is Appropriate
SOC 322U: US Immigration
SOC 323D: Border Control/Deaths
SOC 325L: Sociology of Criminal Justice
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.