



# 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 Mark Lawrence (History), Kamran Ali (Anthropology), C.J. Alvarez (Mexican American Latina/o Studies), Michael Anderson (Government), Jason Brownlee (Government), Luis Carcamo-Huechante (Spanish and Portuguese), Evan Carton (English), Jason Cons (Anthropology), Karen Engle (Law), Rowena Fong (Social Work), Benjamin Gregg (Government), Sue Heinzelman (English), Neville Hoad (English), Robert Jensen (Journalism), Monica Jimenez (African and African Diaspora Studies), Sarah Lopez (Architecture), Raj Patel (Public Affairs), Nestor Rodriguez (Sociology), Snehal Shingavi (English), and Michael Young (Sociology).

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

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

For more information about the Bridging Disciplines Programs, visit FAC 338, go to [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 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](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 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*

AAS 330: Reproductive Justice & Race  
AFR 317E: Diaspora: Race/Nation/Resistnc  
AFR 374E: Frm Ferguson to The Favelas  
ANT 324L: Black Women/Transnatl State  
GOV 370L: Social Movements: Thry/Prac  
RHE 309K: Rhetoric of Protest  
RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate  
S W 325: Foundations of Social Justice  
SOC 308: Revolution, Power, Nonviolence  
SOC 308: When Topic is Appropriate

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

AFR 374E: Race and Rights in Latin America  
AFR 374E: Racism & Inequality Lat Am  
ANT 310L: Muslims in Europe  
ANT 324L: Pol Of Race/Violence In Brazil  
HIS 350L: Urban Slavery in the Americas  
HIS 350L: When Topic is Appropriate  
HIS 350L: Women & Wealth in South Asia  
HIS 350L: Women and Gender in China  
MAS 374: Latino Migrations and Asylum  
MEL 321: Turks in Europe  
SOC 336G: Gender Polit in Islamic World  
SPN 356: Indigenous Resurgence

#### *US*

AAS 330: Blacks/Asians: Race/Soc Movmnt  
AAS 335: Brdg Comm Thru Serv Learn  
AFR 317D: Community Policing in US  
AFR 372C: Black Freedom Movement  
AFR 372F: Urban Unrest  
AFR 374D: Black Lives Matter Mvmt  
AMS 311S: Environ Justice/Culture/Soc  
ANT 322M: Mexican Immigratr Cul Hist  
ANT 322M: Natv Amer Cul Greater Sthwst  
E 360S: Literature of Islamophobia  
E 376M: Writing Slavery  
HIS 317L: Intro to African Amer Hist  
HIS 317L: The Black Power Movement  
HIS 350R: When Topic is Appropriate

### Social Groups and Social Justice (Continued)

#### *US*

HIS 356P: The US in the Civil Rights Era  
HIS 357C: African Amer History to 1860  
J 341J: Minorities and the Media  
MAS 311: Ethnicity & Gender: La Chicana  
RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate  
SOC 307L: Gender/Race/Class Amer Soc  
SOC 308: When Topic is Appropriate  
SOC 359: Labor and Labor Movements

### Nationalism, Imperialism, and War

#### *Comparative*

AFR 317E: Liberation In African Diaspora  
ANT 310L: Intro Natv Am/Indig Studies  
ANT 320L: Lang Endangerment/Rights  
ANT 324L: Global Indigenous Issues  
GOV 360N: Civil Wars/Ethnic Violence  
HIS 350L: When Topic is Appropriate  
LAS 322: Race, Empire, and Modernity  
RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate

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

GSD 341F: Women and the Holocaust  
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 350L: When Topic is Appropriate  
HIS 362G: Introduction to the Holocaust  
HIS 364G: Apartheid: South African History  
J S 365: Multicultural Israel  
LAS 370S: Violence in Contemp Mex Cul  
WGS 340: Holocaust Aftereffects

#### *US*

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

### Theory, Policy, and Institutions

#### *Comparative*

AFR 372C: Race, Gender, and Surveillance  
E 360S: Literature and Social Justice  
GOV 335M: US & Third World Feminisms  
GOV 337M: Law and Democracy in Latin America  
GOV 360N: Global Governance  
GOV 360N: International Organizations  
GOV 365L: Rights and the State in South Asia  
GOV 365N: Authoritarianism  
GOV 365N: Human Rights and World Politics  
GOV 365N: Immigration and Comparative Politics  
GOV 379S: Complex Emergen Human Act  
HIS 306N: Indig Perspectvs Global His  
PHL 365: Health and Justice  
RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate  
RHE 330D: Rhetoric of Racism

### Theory, Policy, and Institutions (Continued)

#### *Comparative*

RHE 330E: Peacemaking Rhetoric  
S W 460K: Roots of Socl/Econ Justice-ENG  
SOC 340C: Globalization

### Theory, Policy, and Institutions (Continued)

#### *US*

AFR 372F: No Matter What: Policing/US  
AMS 311S: 100 Years In Africa  
AMS 311S: When Topic Is Appropriate  
AMS 315: Rights in Modern America  
GOV 357M: Civil Liberties  
GOV 357M: Structure of Indiv Liberties  
R S 346: Religion/Social Justice U.S.  
RHE 309K: When Topic is Appropriate  
S W 360K: Adv Social/Economic Justice  
SOC 307D: Capital Punishment in America  
SOC 307J: Education and Society  
SOC 307T: Punishment and Society  
SOC 308: When Topic is Appropriate  
SOC 321K: US Immigration  
SOC 323D: Border Control/Deaths  
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.