



Completion Requirements

Students completing an Honours in Human Rights require a total of 54 credit hours in human rights, including the following required 39 credit hours of courses:

HMRT-1006. Introduction to Human Rights

HMRT-2003. Research Methods

of research projects. Students in this course will do a research project in human rights under the supervision of the instructor. Students will be expected to present periodic reports on the status of their work.

HMRT-2023. Human Rights and Literature

This course will explore various human rights questions through an examination of relevant legal documents paired with literary works from a variety of genres (from drama to memoir) that address each issue. The course is intended to give students an understanding of some of the most pressing human rights issues of the past and today, ranging from slavery to economic inequalities.

HMRT-2033. Human Rights in Theory and Practice

This course critically analyzes different theories concerning the practice of human rights as a framework for social justice. A variety of texts from thinkers such as Rawls, Grant, Locke, Marx, DuBois, and De Tocqueville will be used to analyze theories of justice, liberty, equality, solidarity, and legal certainty. This course will also examine the critiques of rights and the limitations of the international human rights movement and framework.

HMRT-2043. Non-Western Perspectives on Human Rights

This course will explore philosophic and religious sources outside the Western canon, on which Human Rights discourse can be and has been based. The culture spheres of interest will be the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. This course critically analyzes non-western theories concerning the practice of human rights as a framework for social justice. The course seeks to place Western Human Rights discourse in a global context by drawing attention to ways in which non-Western cultures have addressed questions of individual versus group or state rights, the metaphysical and political sources of rights, and the possibility of universal human dignity.

HMRT-2203. Community Economic Development (ECON)

A course which explores the theory and practice of community economic development. It will include the examination of case studies of successful community economic development. The focus will be on the appropriateness and applicability of the model to the Maritimes.

HMRT-2206. The Quest for the Good Life (GRID 2006)

This course is designed to approach the perennial issue of The Quest for the Good Life through the thoughtful reading of some of the greatest works in a variety of disciplines. The texts may include ancient and modern, all selected because they speak to and illuminate this theme. Texts will vary from year to year but will include works such as Aristotle's *Ethics*,
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HMRT-2223. Political Economy of Women (ECON)

This is a seminar course examining, in depth, selected topics on the political economy of women. Potential topics include women as paid workers, domestic labour, and women and poverty.

HMRT-2233. Women in the Third World (ECON 2303)

This course will critically examine the role of women in the Third World. It will concentrate largely on the changes in these roles and their correspondence with the transition from traditional to new forms of economic organization, production, and power.

HMRT-2243. Introduction to Perspectives on the Environment (ENVS 2023)

This course explores how society has attempted to understand the social origins of environmental degradation and the changes necessary in society to end human disruption of the environment. This involves a review of the different perspectives within the environmental movement, and of the attempts by the social sciences and the humanities to understand the social origins of environmental degradation. Prerequisite: ENVS 1013, or permission of the instructor.

HMRT-2253. Introduction to Moral Philosophy (PHIL 2213)

An examination, through readings, lectures, and discussion, of some important attempts to ground ethical judgments. Themes: relativism, egoism, values, and sentiment; values and consequences; the determination of duty.

HMRT-2263. Contemporary Moral Philosophy (PHIL 2233)

An investigation, through readings, lectures, and discussion, of contemporary issues and authors in moral philosophy. Topics include: Nietzsche and the transvaluation of values, existentialist ethics, emotivism, Marxism and ethics, the natural law debate, situation ethics, the logic and meaning of ethical discourse. Prerequisite: PHIL 2213, or permission of the instructor.

HMRT-2273. Current Issues in Ethics (PHIL 2243)

A discussion, through lectures and student presentations, of ethical theory through its application in the consideration of such contemporary issues as: pornography and censorship, euthanasia, abortion, punishment, justice and welfare, sexual and racial discrimination. Prerequisite: Phil 2213, or permission of the instructor.

HMRT-2283. Science, Technology, and War (STS 2403)

This course explores the development of modern techniques, technologies, and social systems for the purposes of making war. It also explores how wars change societies, technologically, socially, and structurally. Note: Students who have taken STS 1403 will not receive credit for STS 2403.

HMRT-3013. Discrimination and the Law in Canada

This course will focus on domestic human rights codes and human rights commissions. Special attention will be given to the New Brunswick Human Rights Code and the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission.

HMRT-3033. Philosophy of Human Rights

This course will introduce students to philosophical questions concerning the foundations of human rights. What are human rights based on? What makes something a human right? Are human rights universally and permanently valid or is the notion of human rights merely a construct of modern Western culture? The course will familiarize students with alternative

HMRT-3213. Environmental Policy (ENVS 3013)

Building upon familiarity with the major perspectives within the environmental movement, the course will examine various approaches to resolving environmental problems such as: bioregionalism, sustainable growth, deep ecology, rightsizing economic activity, etc. Students will explore how alternate visions of the future would translate into public policy. Prerequisites: ENVS 1013 and ENVS 2023, or permission of the instructor.

HMRT-3216. Freedom (GRID 3506)

This course will examine the nature of freedom in the context of human life and community. Questions to be addressed will include: To what extent are human beings free by nature? Should political communities promote freedom? What might be appropriate limitations on our freedom? Texts may include Sophocles' *Oedipus at Colonus*, Plato's *Crito*, Aquinas' *On Free Will*, Shakespeare's *Coriolanus* and Hegel's *The Philosophy of Right*. Prerequisite: GRID 2006.

HMRT-3223. Environmental Praxis (ENVS 3023)

This course explores how alternative visions of the future translate into political action at the international, national, provincial, community, and personal levels. This involves an analysis of alternative theories of the nature of social change. A component of this course may be service learning. Prerequisites: ENVS 1013 and ENVS 2023, or permission of the instructor.

HMRT-3243. Human Rights in International Relations and Foreign Policy (POLS 3503)

This course considers human rights in international relations. It focuses on how the emerging human rights regime is affecting the practice of traditional state sovereignty. Special attention will be paid to the political and philosophical arguments around such issues

HMRT-3283. Science, Religion, and Galileo's Trial (STS 3063)

Examines the complex interactions between Western science and the Judeo-Christian religious tradition in the ancient, medieval, and early modern periods culminating with a close study of Galileo's trial by the Inquisition in 1632 to reveal how variable and complex interactions between science and religion have been characterized at different times by conflict, cooperation, separation, understanding, misunderstanding, dialogue, and alienation. PrerequisiteS § 2243 or permission of the instructor.

HMRT-3433. World Literature in English: West Indies and Africa (ENGL)

An introduction to the range of literary expressions of writers from the non-Western cultures of the West Indies and Africa. The major genre studied is the novel, though poetry and essays are also examined. The focus of the course is to study the concerns of the colonized, those who were swept up by British expansion in the 18th and 19th centuries. (Categories: National or Regional, CulturalS tudies).

HMRT-3503. Moot Court (POLS 3403)

Moot court cultivates advanced analytical skills while developing leadership qualities in students with an interest in human rightsS tudents learn how to develop and deliver oral legal arguments by competing in a Supreme Court simulation where they answer questions from a panel of judgesS tudents focus on Supreme Court precedent surrounding two different issues each yearS tudents are required to have permission of instructor to register for the course. No other prerequisites are required.

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HMRT-3543. Human Rights and Foreign Policy

This course considers human rights in international relations and foreign policy from the point of view of constraints on sovereignty. With background from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries up to WWII, it concentrates on the promotion and protection of human rights in the post-war period. Topics covered include: the UN system of human rights and the international and domestic politics of human rights as evidenced in foreign policy, Canadian in particular.

HMRT-3633. Gender Expression, Sexual Orientation, and Human Rights (GEND)

This course explores the socially constructed customs and structures of society that enable the legal regulation of gender identity and sexual orientation. Topics such as gender

expression, access to health care and legal protections for sexual minorities will be approached through a variety of material and media, such as academic works, case studies, historical and legal texts, literary works, and film.

HMRT-3803. Human Rights of the Child

This course examines the legal human rights structures in Canada and internationally, as they apply to children and adolescents in unique and rapidly evolving ways. The primary focus is on domestic human rights legislation under provincial and federal human rights Acts. Various legal regimes, both local and international, related to immigration/refugee law, privacy law, health law, criminal law, education law, Aboriginal law, child welfare law, and other areas will be surveyed.

HMRT-3903. Corporate Social Responsibility

This course looks at the social responsibility of corporations. Students will explore equitable employment practices, the right to a healthy work environment, equal pay for equal work, protection from discrimination, harassment, and exploitation, and the right to form and join trade unions. This course explores strategies for preventing such violations, the extent to which businesses are legally obligated to respect human rights, and the type of recourse and remedies available when rights are violated.

HMRT-4013. Capstone Seminar

This course will consist of an in-depth investigation of one or more human rights problems. The specific topic will change from year to year. Students will be expected to examine the issue(s) in light of their knowledge of the basic instruments, institutions, and ideas relevant to human rights as well as their understanding of the fundamental questions of value that surround contemporary social issues. The course is normally reserved for students in their final year of the human rights Major.

HMRT-4023. Independent Study

Students may undertake studies under the direction of a member or members of the program with the permission of the Director. The course is limited to students with a proven academic record.

HMRT-4043. Special Topics in Human Rights

