

## Course Descriptions

### *Required Courses*

- ❖ HPHR 519: Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms
- ❖ HPHR 520: Seminar in Human Rights
- ❖ HPHR 504: Human Rights in Asia
- ❖ HPHR 505: Research Methods in Human Rights
- ❖ HPHR 506: Human Rights Theory

### *Elective Courses*

- ❖ HPHR 510: Practical Skills for Human Rights Protection
- ❖ HPHR 521: Peace, Conflict Management and Human Rights
- ❖ HPHR 512: Human Rights in International Relations
- ❖ HPHR 518: Applied Research in Human Rights
- ❖ HPHR 522: Independent Study
- ❖ HPHR 523: Internship

### *Thesis*

- ❖ HPHR 698: Thesis

### **HPHR 519: Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms**

Development of international and regional human rights treaties and other legal and political documents on human rights. Contents of human rights standards including: civil and political rights; social, economic and cultural rights; and rights to development and self-determination. Interpretation and applicability of rights stated in different human rights standards. International systems for the promotion and protection of human rights. Legal, political, and social mechanisms necessary for the realization of human rights at the international level. Roles of the United Nations, other inter-state bodies and institutions, non-governmental agencies, the media, and civil society with respect to human rights. Critical assessment of the mechanisms studied.

### **HPHR 520: Seminar in Human Rights**

Most relevant and recent issues in the field of human rights and in students' common areas of interests. Current issues may focus on globalization, democratization and good governance, promotion of global free trade, development, poverty eradication, environmental conservation, forced migration, peace and conflict management, different forms of armed conflicts, business and human rights, etc. Impacts of these issues on violations or protection of human rights.

### **HPHR 504: Human Rights in Asia**

Overview of human rights in Asia in their political, economic, social and cultural contexts. Major developments since World War II impacting on and influenced by human rights; in particular, colonial legacies and new forms of domination in Asian societies from the perspectives of human rights theory and practice. Human rights legislation and institutionalization of human rights in Asian countries. Establishment of a regional human rights mechanism.

### **HPHR 505: Research Methods in Human Rights**

Overview of legal and empirical research methods in the field of human rights. Preparation of students for empirical master's theses. In particular, development of the ability to define research objectives, to ask research questions and to design research projects; training in sampling, data collection, and data analysis with a focus on qualitative research; evaluation of research proposals and research reports using common quality standards.

**HPHR 506: Human Rights Theory**

Introduction to major disciplinary approaches to human rights, in particular philosophical, social scientific and legal approaches. Discussion of the development of theories and concepts of human rights from western and non-western perspectives. Critical analysis of contemporary debates on human rights.

**HPHR 510: Practical Skills for Human Rights Protection**

Introduction to and training in practical skills for the protection of human rights, including human rights monitoring, fact-finding, report writing, campaigning, and advocacy. Engagement with human rights bodies and platforms. Other skills relevant to human rights activities, negotiating, and lobbying. Introduction to peace and conflict management skills. Pragmatic skills in human rights project development, management and evaluation.

**HPHR 521: Peace, Conflict Management and Human Rights**

Concepts of peace and conflict studies with emphases on conflicts in regional, national, and sub-national context, between state and non-state actors, between conservative and emancipatory political movements, over social development, over resources for public use at community and national level. International and domestic dimensions of conflicts. Understanding and applicability of conflict prevention, transformation, and resolution. Implications of conflict management for human rights protection.

**HPHR 512: Human Rights in International Relations**

Emergence and significance of human rights in international relations. Importance of international human rights norms in relation to state sovereignty. Ethical traditions in international relation based on morality, law and politics. Exploration of the interrelationship between human rights, international principles, and foreign policy. The use of human rights for economic and political purposes.

**HPHR 518: Applied Research in Human Rights**

Research of relevance to current understanding of human rights promotion and protection. Research through cooperation with human rights organizations. Practical and immediate concerns in human rights promotion and protection. Applying researching to address immediate human rights concerns. Human rights analysis of national policy and/or practice, and evaluation of programs and activities in human rights.

**HPHR 522: Independent Study**

Individual study of specific topics in human rights according to student's interests under the supervision of a faculty member. Research conduct of human rights from international, regional and national sources.

**HPHR 523: Internship**

Negotiation. Recommendation; development of attitude on human rights; finding the best solution to resolve human rights issues.

**HPHR 698: Thesis**

Requires prior development and successful defense of a research proposal. Conduct of a research project including literature review, data collection, data analysis, and the interpretation of results in the context of the extant scholarship. Submission and oral defense of a thesis reporting research results. Publication of research results in a scholarly journal article or in another academic format; alternatively, presentation at an academic conference. Implementation of the principles of research ethics, including monitoring for and response to ethical problems, throughout the course of the project, from the preparation of the research proposal through the conduct of the research and the dissemination of the research results.