

Human Rights and Latin American Studies Concentration

This graduate concentration in the master's program of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies trains students in the field of human rights by providing a multidisciplinary array of courses that consider the history, theory, rhetoric and doctrine of human rights. The concentration features three primary threads: 1) contemporary human rights doctrine and historical development of the human rights movement; 2) the role of human rights discourse in the formation and allocation of power among various social groups; and 3) the role of human rights in the formation and political and economic development of modern Latin American states. This concentration provides M.A. students with a structured program of study, with personalized academic advising from the associated concentration faculty. Efforts will also be made to help connect human rights students with research projects and opportunities for the M.A. thesis and beyond.

Admission

Candidates may apply to the concentration at any point in their graduate study. Each candidate must be in good standing at the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies. The concentration is open to all, although space in some courses may be limited and not all courses will be offered in a given year.

Course and Semester Hour Requirements

It is anticipated that any student who enrolls in the concentration can complete her or his course of study for the degree of Master of Arts in Latin American Studies in the same amount of time that should have been required for the degree alone. Human Rights represents the major within the M.A. in the Latin American Studies Program (Plan A, thesis option). Students must complete at least five courses for 15 credit hours, and are encouraged to develop a list of courses suitable to their own program of work. One upper-level undergraduate course may count as one of the five required concentration courses.

Students are encouraged to take at least one course from each of the three threads, but are free to select courses as they choose. The list of courses in the threads is not exhaustive. It includes both courses that are cross-listed in Latin American Studies and those which are not. If the course is not cross-listed, the student will need to make arrangements with the instructor to ensure that the written work will satisfy the requirements for credit in Latin American Studies.

A student pursuing the Human Rights Concentration must complete the master's thesis on an approved topic under the supervision of a faculty member with expertise in human rights. Dual-degree LAS/LBJ students who wish to write a Professional Report in lieu of thesis must complete 30 hours of coursework plus an additional 3 hours of credit for completing the Report (LAS 398R).

Concentration Affiliated Faculty

The principal responsibility of the affiliated faculty is to be available to advise concentration students on an “as needed” basis. The “first stop” for advising is the Graduate Adviser in Latin American Studies.

Ali, Kamran	<i>Anthropology</i>
Brinks, Daniel	<i>Government</i>
Burnett, Ginny	<i>History</i>
De Cesare, D	<i>Journalism</i>
Engle, Karen	<i>Law</i>
Galbraith, James	<i>Public Affairs</i>
Ghosh, K.	<i>Anthropology</i>
Gordon, Edmund	<i>Anthropology</i>
Gregg, Benjamin	<i>Government</i>
Guridy, Frank	<i>History</i>
Hale, Charles	<i>Anthropology</i>
Hansen, Patricia	<i>Law</i>
Harlow, Barbara	<i>English</i>
Hines, Barbara	<i>Law</i>
Hooker, Juliet	<i>Government</i>
Jinks, Derek	<i>Law</i>
Kuperman, Alan	<i>Public Affairs</i>
Pierre, J.	<i>Anthropology</i>
Roberts, Bryan	<i>Sociology</i>
Santos, Alvaro	<i>Law</i>
Speed, Shannon	<i>Anthropology</i>
Strong, Pauline	<i>Anthropology</i>
Torres, Gerald	<i>Law</i>
Vargas, Joao	<i>Anthropology</i>

Illustrative Courses

Thread 1: Human Rights Movement and Doctrine

Graduate

LAW 397S International Humanitarian Law (Jinks)
P A 388K Ethnic Conflict & Humanitarian Intervention (Kuperman)
LAW 348E Protection of Human Rights in International Law (Engle)
LAW 279M International Human Rights & Justice Workshop (Engle)

Upper Division Undergraduate

GOV 335M State Sovereignty & Human Rights (Gregg)
GOV 337M Law and Democracy in Latin America (Brinks)

Thread 2: Human Rights and Social Groups

Graduate

ANT 389K Globalization, Culture, Social Movements (Ghosh)
ANT 391 Women & Indigenous Rights in Mexico (Speed)
ANT 391 Migration, Transnationalism, Diaspora (Pierre)
ANT 391 Critical Race Theory & Practice (Vargas)
ANT 391 Race and Colonialism (Pierre)
ANT 391 Identity Politics in Latin America (Hale)
ANT 391 Black Genocide and Resistance (Vargas)
ANT 391 Human Rights and Multiculturalism in Latin America (Speed)
ANT 391 Gender and Feminist Theory in Latin America, (Speed)
ANT 394M Indigenous Cultural Politics (Strong)
GOV 390L Nationalism and Citizenship (Hooker)
HIS 392 Comparative Slavery in Americas (Sidbury)
RTF 386 Race, Nation, and the Media (Fuller)
SOC 395G Gender and Development (Charrad)

Upper Division Undergraduate

ANT 324L Indigenous Rights/Autonomy in Mexico (Speed)
ANT 324L Anthropology of Sex and Sexuality (Allen)
ANT 324L Race and Criminal Justice System (Vargas)
ANT 324L Race in Brazil and the Americas (Vargas)
ENG 370W Gender, Sexuality & Migration (Cvetkovich)
GOV 335M The U.S. and Third World Feminisms (Hooker)
GOV 365N Politics of Social Reform/Revolution (Weyland)
GOV 370K Race and Democracy (Hooker)
HIS 350L Race and Revolution (Sidbury)
J 340C Mass Media and Minorities (De Uriarte)
POR 375 Color of Progress (Roncador)
SOC 321K Special Topics in Race: Nationalism/Citizenship (Rudrappa)

Thread 3: Human Rights in/and Development of Modern Latin American States

Graduate

ANT 389K Globalization, Culture, and Social Movements (Ghosh)
ANT 391 Neoliberalism and Its Discontents (Hale)
CRP 385C Planning and Development in Latin America (Sletto)
GOV 384L Latin America Urban Politics (Dietz)
GOV 388L Political Order & Organized Violence (Wagner)
GOV 388L Borders, Territory and Conflict (Gavrilis)
GOV 390L Social Policy in Latin America (Hunter)
GRG 395D Latin American Cultures, Environment, & Development (Knapp)
HIS 386K U.S. Presence in Latin America & the Caribbean (Guridy)

HIS 389 Borderlands History (Martinez)
J 382 International Journalism Crisis Coverage (De Uriarte)
J 395 Documentary Tradition in Latin America (De Cesare)
LAW 382D International Trade (Hansen)
LAW 397S Regulating Workplace in the Global Economy (Santos)
LAW 397S Legal Problems of the Border (Gonzalez-Oropeza)
LAW 397S Democracy, Accountability, and Rule of Law in Latin America (Hansen)
LAW 397S Economic Development and Law (Santos)
PA 388K Globalization, Development, & Crisis (Galbraith)
PA 388K Conflict Management (Kuperman)
SOC 384M Evaluating Social Policy Latin America (Roberts)
SOC 395D/K Citizenship and Social Policy in Latin America (Roberts)

Upper Division Undergraduate

ECO 333K Development Economics (Bencivenga)
ECO 355 Development Problems in Latin America (Glade)
GOV 337M Law and Democracy in Latin America (Brinks)
HIS 346L Modern Latin America (Guridy)
HIS 350L Dictatorship & Dirty War in Latin America (Garfield)
HIS 350L History of Modern Central America (Burnett)
SOC 321K Globalization (Green)
SOC 324K Social Change in Developing Nations (Villareal)