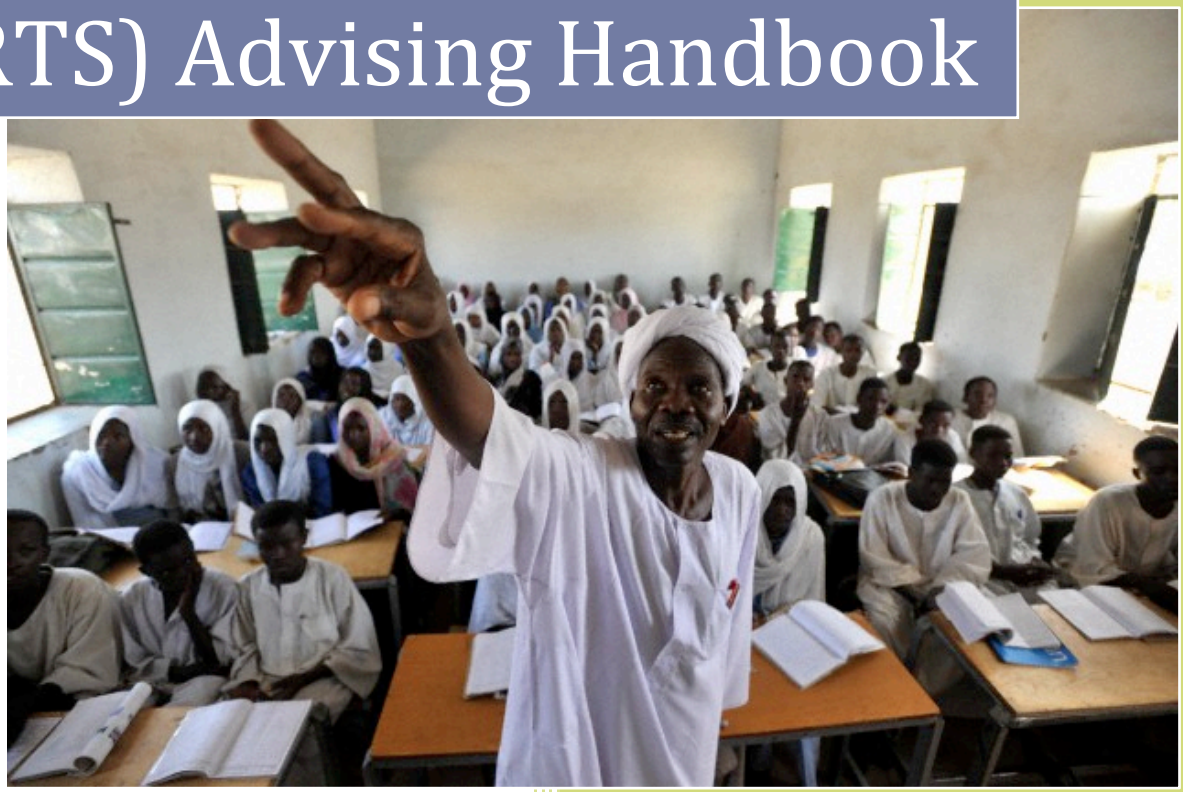
International Human Rights (HRTS) Advising Handbook



International Human Rights (HRTS) program at Webster University

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Program Overview

Webster University is a leader in human rights education, offering one of the only undergraduate human rights degrees in the United States. Its program in International Human Rights – part of the Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies – also offers a minor and a certificate option for students who would like to incorporate human rights into their area of study. Interdisciplinary courses are taught by faculty from across the Webster community, and co-curricular events often bring leading scholars and activists to Webster campuses. Webster students may also learn more about human rights while studying abroad, editing an international journal of human rights called *Righting Wrongs* (www.webster.edu/rightingwrongs), and helping to organize the annual human rights conference in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Webster's human rights degree program was launched in 2005, thanks to a Title VI grant and the dedication of the late Professor Art Sandler (Philosophy) and Professor Kelly-Kate Pease (History, Politics, and International Relations). The certificate option, which was first offered during the 1996-97 academic year, established the program's tradition of interdisciplinarity and cross-campus collaboration. Today, human rights courses may be identified by their HRTS prefix, and human rights course options are offered at a number of Webster's campuses around the world. Human rights graduates may undertake graduate studies related to human rights, as well as undertake rights-focused work at non-governmental organizations, government offices, corporations, and educational institutions.

To learn more about the undergraduate program in International Human Rights, visit the Institute's Web site at www.webster.edu/humanrights or contact the program director, Dr. Lindsey Kingston, at lkingston54@webster.edu.

Human Rights MAJOR

Program Description

The international human rights program at Webster University seeks to encourage greater understanding of international human rights standards, problems, and solutions.

Please note that the HRTS major requires intermediate-level language proficiency and the program highly encourages students to study abroad.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students should:

- Articulate the history of, and current practices in, human rights frameworks and legal norms.
- Critically analyze theories, concepts, and ideas in human rights.
- Identify and explain major human rights issues, past and present.
- Evaluate the potential solutions to human rights abuses, including the work of transnational actors.
- Demonstrate understanding of the quantitative and qualitative methods of, and the ethical issues involved in, human rights research.
- Engage in human rights field experience.

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 120 credit hours consisting of the following:

- 42 required credit hours
- Applicable university global citizenship or general education program hours
- Electives

Students will complete 42 credit hours as specified below with a grade of C or better, and must display foreign language competence. (This requirement can be met by completing intermediate level II in a foreign language or by passing an intermediate-level proficiency examination and will be waived for students whose native language is not English and who are studying in English.)

In the final semester of study, each student must register for HRTS 4600 Senior Overview (3 credit hours) and submit an overview paper.

Required Courses

The following 3-credit classes are required, with a C grade or higher, for students earning a major in International Human Rights:

- HRTS 1100 – Introduction to Human Rights
- HRTS 2500 – Current Problems in Human Rights
- HRTS 2800 – Methods of Inquiry
    - or INTL 2700 Methods of Political Inquiry (3 hours)
    - or ANSO 2850 Introduction to Research Methods (3 hours)
- HRTS 3500 – International Human Rights Law
- HRTS 3590 – Theories of Human Rights
- HRTS 4500 – Human Rights Field Experience
    - Find the Field Experience handbook on the Institute website.
- HRTS 4600 – Senior Overview
- PHIL 2300 – Social and Political Philosophy
    - or POLT 1070 – Introduction to Political Theory

- HRTS major must also fulfill a language requirement. This requirement can be met by taking 12 sequential credit hours in a foreign language or by passing an intermediate-level proficiency examination. This requirement is waived for students whose native language is not English. Ultimately, a student must achieve Intermediate Level II proficiency in a foreign language.
- Although studying abroad is not required, it is *strongly encouraged.*

Elective Courses

18 credit hours from among the following, including at least 9 credit hours from courses with an HRTS prefix:

ANSO 1050 Global Social Problems (3 hours)
ANSO 2300 Social Movements (3 hours)
ANSO 3130 Race and Ethnicity (3 hours)
ANSO 3340 NGOs in a Global Arena (3 hours)
ANSO 4175 Globalization (3 hours)
ANSO 4250 Class, Status and Power (3 hours)
ENGL 1060 Protest Literature (3 hours)
ETHC 1000 Issues and Problems in Ethics (1 hour)
HRTS 2086 Topics In Human Rights (3 hours)
HRTS 3080 Advanced Topics in Human Rights (3 hours)
HRTS 3160 Human Rights in Film: Documentaries (3 hours)
HRTS 3170 Human Rights in Film: Narrative Films (3 hours)
HRTS 3200 Human Rights Area Studies (1-3 hours)
HRTS 3210 Prejudice and Discrimination (3 hours)
HRTS 3400 Human Rights and the Environment (3 hours)
HRTS 3600 Topics in Mass Violence (3 hours)

HRTS 3700 Human Rights and Business (3 hours)
ISTL 1000 Introduction to International Studies (3 hours)
INTL 1500 The World System since 1500 (3 hours)
INTL 2030 International Law (3 hours)
MDST 2800 Media, Diversity and Society (3 hours)
MULC 1100 Introduction to Multicultural Studies (3 hours)
PHIL 2320 Contemporary Moral Problems (3 hours)
PHIL 2340 Bioethics (3 hours)
PHIL 2360 Environmental Ethics (3 hours)
PHIL 2400 Human Rights and Animal Rights (3 hours)
PHIL 3340 Global Ethics (3 hours)
PHIL 3360 Global Information Ethics (3 hours)
PHIL 3370 Feminist Philosophy (3 hours)
POLT 1080 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 hours)
POLT 2550 The Politics of the Developing World (3 hours)
RELG 3051 Religion and Human Rights (3 hours)
WGST 2610 Women, Gender and Sexuality in Social Justice Organizations (3 hours)
WGST 2620 Women and the Law (3 hours)
WGST 4220 Gender, Justice and Human Rights (3 hours)

Note for Double Majors and Students Earning Minors

The same course may not satisfy the degree requirements for two different majors and/or minors. This is a university policy that applies to all academic programs. For example: Introduction to Human Rights (HRTS 1100) cannot satisfy the core course requirement for a human rights major AND count as an elective for a double major or minor in international relations.

Courses in a second major or in a minor or certificate program may be used to satisfy Global Citizenship Program requirements. However, no courses used to fulfill the course requirements of a student's first major may be used to satisfy Global Citizenship Program Course Requirements.

Global Citizenship Program (GCP) Requirements

In 2011, the faculty of Webster University approved the Global Citizenship Program (GCP) to replace the previous General Education Program. Starting with the 2012-2013 academic year, the GCP will apply to full-time, BA and BS degree-seeking students with fewer than 30 credit hours of college credit who have not previously matriculated at a post-secondary institution. Beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, the GCP will also apply to new BA and BS degree-seeking transfer students with fewer than 75 credit hours. In 2015, the Global Citizenship Program will apply to all new students.

No courses used to fulfill the course requirements of a student's first major may be used to satisfy Global Citizenship Program Course Requirements. Courses in a second major or in a minor or certificate program may be used to satisfy Global Citizenship Program requirements.

The GCP program requires 30 credit hours, and must be fulfilled as follows:

I. GCP General Education Requirements

A. GCP Course Requirements

- 6 credit hours from courses with two different prefixes designated “Roots of Cultures”
- 6 credit hours from courses with two different prefixes designated “Social Systems and Human Behavior”
- 3 credit hours from courses designated “Physical and Natural World”
- 3 credit hours from courses designated “Global Understanding”
- 3 credit hours from courses designated “Arts Appreciation”
- 3 hours from courses designated for “Quantitative Literacy”

B. GCP Skills Requirements

All students must complete three credit hours in courses coded for each of the following skills:

- Written Communication
- Oral Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Intercultural Competence
- Ethical Reasoning

Students will usually complete the Skills Requirement with courses in the GCP Course Requirements but may also complete it with appropriately coded courses within their major, or within other coded courses not part of the GCP.

II. Undergraduate Degree Requirements

6 credit hours as indicated below:

- FRSH 1200 First Year Seminar: Requirement for students entering as new full-time degree-seeking freshmen (who have not previously matriculated at another post- secondary institution or who have fewer than 16 credit hours of college credit). FRSH 1200 is only open to newly matriculated students. For students who transfer to Webster University, three hours of the students' choice from all designated courses intended to help students improve their abilities to integrate, transfer, make connections among, and apply knowledge will substitute for the FRSH 1200 credit hours in the GCP requirements. 3 credit hours.

- Global Citizenship Program Keystone Seminar Requirement for all students. This course engages students in developing and using intellectual and practical skills to demonstrate their understanding of responsible global citizenship, through collaborative participation in meaningful, real-world projects and problem-solving experiences. Students practice skills for lifelong learning and integrative learning through analysis, synthesis, integration and application (transfer) of prior learning (formal academic concepts as well as personal life experiences) to address complex problems, locally or globally. 3 credit hours

HRTS Major Advising Checklist

A major in International Human Rights (HRTS) requires a minimum of 120 credit hours consisting of the following:

- 42 required credit hours
- Applicable university global citizenship or general education program hours
- Electives

Core Courses

Course #	Title/Subtitle	Credits	Term	Grade
HRTS 1100	Introduction to Human Rights	3		
HRTS 2500	Current Problems in Human Rights	3		
HRTS 2800 -OR- INTL 2700 -OR- ANSO 2850	Methods of Inquiry OR Methods of Political Inquiry OR Introduction to Research Methods	3		
HRTS 3500	International Human Rights Law	3		
HRTS 3590	Theories of Human Rights	3		
HRTS 4500	Human Rights Field Experience	3		
PHIL 2300 -OR- POLT 1070	Social and Political Philosophy OR Introduction to Political Theory (choose one)	3		

DO THE MATH! An undergraduate degree in International Human Rights requires a minimum of 120 credit hours. Be sure to calculate credit hours to ensure completion of this minimum requirement.

Electives

The HRTS major requires 18 credit hours from a list of approved HRTS electives, including at least 9 credit hours from courses with an HRTS prefix.

Course #	Title/Subtitle	Credits	Term	Grade
		3		
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Foreign Language Requirement

This requirement can be met by taking 12 sequential credit hours in a foreign language or by passing an intermediate-level proficiency examination. This requirement is waived for students whose native language is not English. Ultimately, a student must achieve Intermediate Level II proficiency in a foreign language.

Course #	Title/Subtitle	Credits	Term	Grade

Alternatively, please note the date of proficiency examination and results:

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REMEMBER: No courses used to fulfill the course requirements of a student's first major may be used to satisfy Global Citizenship Program Course Requirements. Courses in a second major or in a minor or certificate program may be used to satisfy Global Citizenship Program requirements.

GCP Course Requirements

Category	Course #	Title/Subtitle	Credits	Term	Grade
First Year Seminar	FRSH 1200		3		
Roots of Cultures			3		
Roots of Cultures			3		
Social Systems & Human Behavior			3		
Social Systems & Human Behavior			3		
Physical and Natural World			3		
Global Understanding			3		
Arts Appreciation			3		
Quantitative Literacy			3		
Keystone Seminar			3		

GCP Skills Requirements

Skill category	Course #	Title/Subtitle	Term	Grade
Written Communication				
Oral Communication				
Critical Thinking				
Intercultural Competence				
Ethical Reasoning				

Human Rights MINOR

Minor Requirements

- 18 credit hours taken at Webster University as specified below.
- Nine credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above.
- All courses for the minor must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Required Courses

- HRTS 1100 Introduction to Human Rights 3 hours
- HRTS 2500 Current Problems in Human Rights 3 hours

Elective Courses

Students may choose 12 credit hours from the following, including at least 6 credit hours with an HRTS prefix:

HRTS 2086 Topics in Human Rights (3 hours)
HRTS 3080 Advanced Topics in Human Rights (3 hours)
HRTS 3160 Human Rights in Film: Documentaries (3 hours)
HRTS 3170 Human Rights in Film: Narrative Films (3 hours)
HRTS 3200 Human Rights Area Studies (1-3 hours)
HRTS 3210 Prejudice and Discrimination (3 hours)
HRTS 3400 Human Rights and the Environment (3 hours)
HRTS 3500 International Human Rights Law (3 hours)
HRTS 3590 Theories of Human Rights (3 hours)
HRTS 3600 Topics in Mass Violence (3 hours)
HRTS 3700 Human Rights and Business (3 hours)
HRTS 4500 Human Rights Field Experience (3 hours)
ANSO 1050 Global Social Problems (3 hours)
ANSO 2300 Social Movements (3 hours)
ANSO 3130 Race and Ethnicity (3 hours)
ANSO 3340 NGOs in a Global Arena (3 hours)
ANSO 4175 Globalization (3 hours)
ANSO 4250 Class, Status and Power (3 hours)
ENGL 1060 Protest Literature (3 hours)
ETHC 1000 Issues and Problems in Ethics (3 hours)
INTL 1500 The World System since 1500 (3 hours)
INTL 2030 International Law (3 hours)
ISTL 1000 Introduction to International Studies (3 hours)
MDST 2800 Media, Diversity and Society (3 hours)
MULC 2010 American Cultural Pluralism (3 hours)
PHIL 2320 Contemporary Moral Problems (3 hours)
PHIL 2340 Bioethics (3 hours)

PHIL 2360 Environmental Ethics (3 hours)
PHIL 2400 Human Rights and Animal Rights (3 hours)
PHIL 3340 Global Ethics (3 hours)
PHIL 3360 Global Information Ethics (3 hours)
PHIL 3370 Feminist Philosophy (3 hours)
POLT 1080 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 hours)
POLT 2550 The Politics of Development (3 hours)
PSYC 3225 Holocaust (3 hours)
PSYC 3275 Genocide (3 hours)
RELG 3051 Religion and Human Rights (3 hours)
WGST 2610 Women, Gender and Sexuality in Social Justice Organizations (3 hours)
WGST 2620 Women and the Law (3 hours)
WGST 4220 Gender, Justice and Human Rights (3 hours)

HRTS Minor Advising Checklist

Minor Requirements

- 18 credit hours taken at Webster University as specified below.
- Nine credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above.
- All courses for the minor must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Core Courses

Course #	Title/Subtitle	Credits	Term	Grade
HRTS 1100	Introduction to Human Rights	3		
HRTS 2500	Current Problems in Human Rights	3		

Electives

Students may choose 12 credit hours from the approved electives list, including at least 6 credit hours with an HRTS prefix. Nine credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above.

Course #	Title/Subtitle	Credits	Term	Grade
		3		
		3		
		3		
		3		

Human Rights CERTIFICATE

Certificate Description

More demanding than the International Human Rights minor but less demanding than the International Human Rights major, this option is well suited to students with a strong interest in human rights but who are majoring in another subject. As a "stand-alone" certificate, it is also appropriate for those students with a strong interest in human rights and who have completed a BA or BS at another institution but who are not currently considering graduate or professional school.

Core Courses

- HRTS 1100 Introduction to Human Rights 3 hours
- HRTS 3590 Theories of Human Rights 3 hours
- HRTS 4500 Human Rights Field Experience 3 hours

Electives

Choose one course from each of the three following groups. Each group represents areas that have much to offer in understanding human rights. The courses have been chosen to introduce students to the contributions these disciplines offer.

Group 1: History, Politics, and International Relations

- HRTS 2500 Current Problems in Human Rights (3 hours)
- HRTS 3500 International Human Rights Law (3 hours)
- ANSO 3340 NGOs in a Global Arena (3 hours)
- POLT 1080 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 hours)
- POLT 2550 The Politics of the Developing World (3 hours)
- INTL 1500 The World System Since 1500 (3 hours)
- INTL 2030 International Law (3 hours)
- WGST 2620 Women and the Law (3 hours)

Group 2: Behavioral and Social Sciences

- ANSO 1060 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 hours)
- ANSO 2300 Social Movements (3 hours)
- ANSO 3130 Race and Ethnicity (3 hours)
- ANSO 4175 Globalization (3 hours)
- ANSO 4250 Class, Status and Power (3 hours)
- HRTS 3210 Prejudice and Discrimination (3 hours)
- HRTS 3600 Topics in Mass Violence (3 hours)
- HRTS 3700 Human Rights and Business (3 hours)

- WGST 4220 Gender, Justice and Human Rights (3 hours)

Group 3: Communications, English, Philosophy, and Religious Studies

- ENGL 1060 Protest Literature (3 hours)
- HRTS 2086 Topics in Human Rights (3 hours)
- HRTS 3080 Advanced Topics in Human Rights (3 hours)
- HRTS 3160 Human Rights in Film: Documentaries (3 hours)
- HRTS 3170 Human Rights in Film: Narrative Films (3 hours)
- HRTS 3200 Human Rights Area Studies (3 hours)
- HRTS 3400 Human Rights and the Environment (3 hours)
- MULC 1100 Introduction to Multicultural Studies (3 hours)
- MDST 2800 Media, Diversity and Society (3 hours)
- PHIL 2320 Contemporary Moral Problems: Emphasis in Human Rights Issues (3 hours)
- PHIL 2400 Human Rights and Animal Rights (3 hours)
- PHIL 3340 Global Ethics (3 hours)
- RELG 3051 Religion and Human Rights (3 hours)

Language Proficiency

Demonstration of competence in a foreign language equivalent to two years of college-level study is also required.

HRTS Certificate Advising Checklist

Core Courses

Course #	Title/Subtitle	Credits	Term	Grade
HRTS 1100	Introduction to Human Rights	3		
HRTS 3590	Theories of Human Rights	3		
HRTS 4500	Human Rights Field Experience	3		

Electives

Choose one course from each of the three subject groups.

Group	Course #	Title/Subtitle	Term	Grade
History, Politics, and International Relations				
Behavioral and Social Sciences				
Communications, English, Philosophy, and Religious Studies				

Foreign Language Requirement

This requirement can be met by taking 12 sequential credit hours in a foreign language or by passing an intermediate-level proficiency examination. This requirement is waived for students whose native language is not English. Ultimately, a student must achieve Intermediate Level II proficiency in a foreign language.

Course #	Title/Subtitle	Credits	Term	Grade

Alternatively, please note the date of proficiency examination and results:

Projected Schedule – Saint Louis Courses

Although course schedules for future semesters are not guaranteed, many required courses within the HRTS program follow a (mostly) predictable schedule. Use these general guidelines when planning out academic schedules in Saint Louis and/or considering when to study abroad.

Course #	Title	Scheduling Notes
HRTS 1100	Introduction to Human Rights	Offered every fall and spring semester; taught by multiple professors. This course is often also offered during the summer term. Online and in-person.
HRTS 2500	Current Problems in Human Rights	Offered every fall and spring semester; taught by multiple professors. This course is often also offered during the summer term. Online and in-person.
HRTS 2800/INTL 2700/ ANSO 2850	Methods course	At least one methods option is available every fall and spring semester.
HRTS 3500	International Human Rights Law	Offered each spring semester
HRTS 3590	Theories of Human Rights	Offered each spring semester
HRTS 4500	Human Rights Field Experience	Students may register for this requirement during the fall, spring, or summer semesters.*
HRTS 4600	Senior Overview	Offered online each spring semester. Students should take this class in their final spring semester of study.
PHIL 2300	Social and Political Philosophy	Offered every fall and spring semester
POLT 1070	Introduction to Political Theory	Offered every fall and spring semester

* For approval guidelines related to this internship/service requirement, please see the Field Experience handbook on the Institute website, www.webster.edu/humanrights; see "academic resources."

Electives in the human rights program vary by semester. To determine which classes are offered in an upcoming term or semester, visit the Saint Louis online course schedule – see the "academics" tab at www.webster.edu. REMEMBER that the HRTS program is located within the Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies.

Considering Study Abroad

Students in the HRTS program are encouraged to study abroad. To learn more about study abroad opportunities, including Webster's overseas campus, please visit http://www.webster.edu/studyabroad/.

Human rights students should keep the following issues in mind when planning to study abroad:

- Most human rights majors are based in Saint Louis, which means that many core courses are not offered at overseas campuses and electives will be limited. Don't let this discourage you – just realize that you'll have to be strategic with your courses and plan ahead!
    - Geneva often offers some core HRTS classes and electives in their International Relations program. See http://www.webster.ch/academics/undergraduate/programs/internationalrelations/.
    - Vienna offers some approved elective courses through the International Relations program, as well. See http://webster.ac.at/international-relations.
    - Leiden offers some electives through the International Relations program (http://www.webster.nl/undergraduates/international-relations.html) and also hosts the Bijlmer Project against human trafficking (http://www.thebijlmerproject.com/index.html).
    - Opportunities also arise at campuses such as Thailand (http://www.webster.ac.th/) and Ghana (http://www.webster.edu.gh/), among others. *Follow the Institute on Facebook and Twitter (@websterhumanrights) for study abroad announcements.*
- Because many HRTS courses are not offered overseas, some students choose to fulfill general education (or GCP) requirements while studying abroad. Students sometimes register for foreign language classes (ex: French in Geneva) or identify elective courses that count toward their major, minor, or overall credits toward graduation.
- Remember to check for online options while studying abroad, as well.
- In some cases, students are able to arrange an internship or volunteer experience abroad that fulfills the Field Experience requirement. This takes advance planning and coordination with faculty, but it's possible! Be sure to speak with your human rights professors and advisors if this is something you're interested in (again, in advance).
- Lastly, Saint Louis students should consult the projected STL course schedule (see previous page) when planning their study abroad experience. For example, it's often helpful to take Methods of Inquiry during the fall semester of your sophomore year and then study abroad; this way you have that requirement taken care of, especially since it's a prerequisite of Senior Overview. The projected schedule will help you avoid "surprises" that could create obstacles for an on-time graduation.