

To complete a Major in Human Rights, students must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours of human rights courses. The requirements for the Major include the following 9 credit hours:

HMRT-1003. Introduction to Human Rights

HMRT-2013 Research Methods

HMRT-4013. Capstone Seminar

In addition, students must complete at least 6 credit hours in each of the four subfields – Foundations, Law, Social Issues, and Practice.

a) Foundations

HMRT 2033. Human Rights in Theory and Practice

HMRT 2043. Non-Western Perspectives on Human Rights

HMRT 3033. Philosophy of Human Rights

b) Law

HMRT-3013. Discrimination and the Law in Canada

HMRT-3063. Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity

HMRT 3113. The Rights Revolution in Canada

HMRT 3123. International Human Rights

HMRT 3543. Human Rights and Foreign Policy

c) Societal Issues

HMRT 2023. Human Rights and Literature

HMRT 2113. Exploring Disability

HMRT 3153. Popular Culture and Human Rights

HMRT 3233. Environment and Human Rights

HMRT 3633. 2SLGBTQIA and Human Rights

HMRT 3803. Human Rights of the Child and Seniors

HMRT 3903. Business and Human Rights

d) Practice

HMRT 3073. Human Rights Internship

HMRT 3133. Human Rights Advocacy, Activism, and Social Justice

HMRT 3203. Human Rights Advocacy Through Social Media

HMRT 3503. Moot Court

Students should consult with the Chair of the Human Rights Department to ensure that their program meets all requirements.

The Minor in Human Rights requires the 3 credit hour introductory course and 15 additional credit hours in Human Rights.

i. Honour's students must maintain a GPA of 3.7 in human rights courses.

ii. Students must complete the Thesis Proposal Course a minimum of one year before gradu-

### **HMRT-1203. Global Politics (POLS 1603)**

This course provides an introduction to the concepts of nation and state, sovereignty, forms of government, and political conflict. It does so through consideration of issues in world politics, such as human rights and social justice, ecological imbalance, economic inequalities, war, global governmental institutions and organizations.

### **HMRT-2013. Research Methods**

The purpose of this course is to give students an introduction to research methods used in the study of human rights. The course will include methods of data collection as well as analysis of data. The course will begin with a general introduction to the aims and 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 covers core theoretical concepts and the enduring debates in human rights theory. It will not only introduce students to the main ideas, major schools of thought, and key disputes but also prepare them to identify and critically analyze

### 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 (GRBK 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 *E*, the *B*, Machiavelli's, and Camus'.

### HMRT-2216. Human Nature and Technology (GRBK 2206)

This course will study the way in which diverse thinkers have considered the question of human nature. This question will be sharpened with a consideration of the way in which human beings considered as natural beings use and are affected by technology. Texts will vary from year to year, but may include works such as: Aeschylus' *B*, Bacon's *A*, Swift's *C*, Grant's *E*, Miller's *A C*, Heidegger's *C*, Shelley's *F*, Gaskell's, Achebe's *F A*, and Sterling's *F*.

### **HMRT-2263. Contemporary Moral Philosophy (PHIL 2233)**

A lecture course examining a specific topic in contemporary moral philosophy. Topics vary from year to year and may include: virtue ethics, metaethics, contemporary deontology, contemporary utilitarianism, emotivism, relativism, the is–ought debate, and others. Prerequisite: Take any 1000-level PHIL course or permission of 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 theoretical answers to these and other related questions.

### **HMRT-3063. Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity**

This course will examine strategies to prevent, investigate and punish genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Students will explore the role of international law and human rights in emergency situations, the rights and duties of relevant stakeholders, and the role of international law in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes. Prerequisite: HMRT 1003: Introduction to Human Rights.

### **HMRT-3073. Human Rights Internship**

### **HMRT-3123. International Human Rights**

This course explicates the principal international and regional systems in place for the protection and promotion of human rights, including the Inter-American, European, African, and United Nations systems. Students will study the most important human rights instruments, such as the International Bill of Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights, and the American Convention on Human Rights.

### **HMRT-3216. Freedom (GRBK 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' *Summa Theologiae*, Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus* and Hegel's *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*. Prerequisite: GRBK 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-3233. Environment and Human Rights (ENVS)**

This course will explore the impact of climate change and environmental degradation on the realization of human rights, focusing on those in the economic, social, and cultural realm, including the right to a clean environment, clean air, water, food, and health. The long-term impact of climate change will also be examined in the context of trends in migration and human security. Prerequisite required: HMRT 1003.

### **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 as universal human rights versus cultural relativism, and the problems associated with humanitarian intervention.

### **HMRT-3253. Model United Nations (POLS 3613)**

This course will prepare students for participation in a Model United Nations, either Cana-

**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. Prerequisite: STS 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, Cultural Studies).

**HMRT-3503. Moot Court (POLS 3403)**

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

**HMRT-3513. Moot Court**

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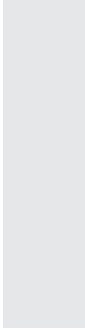
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**HMRT-3543. Human Rights and Foreign Policy**

This course considers human rights in international relations and foreign policy from the point of view of constraints on sovereignty. With background from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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-4043. Special Topics in Human Rights**

The content of this course changes from year to year reflecting the strengths of faculty or the scholar occupying the Chair in Canadian Citizenship and Human Rights.

### **HMRT-4063. Honours Thesis**

This course is the written component of the honours program and is an extended research paper on a topic written under the supervision of a thesis director. Students must have completed HMRT 3603, Thesis Proposal, with a minimum grade of B to take HMRT 4063.

Upon completion, the thesis is defended in front of the student's thesis committee as well as invited members of the human rights faculty.

### **HMRT-4923. Collective Memory, Culture and Texts in Argentina (SPAN)**

This course will explore the connections between collective memory, history and culture in Argentina. It explores the cultural production of the post-dictatorship Process of National Reorganization (1976-1983) through essays, fiction, and film.