

HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES CERTIFICATES

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The Human Rights Studies Certificates present human rights as a rich and interdisciplinary field of study. The certificates aim to provide students with the analytical, conceptual, and practical skills necessary for human rights study; connect students to affiliate faculty and peers; and offer guidance for post-graduate careers and studies related to human rights.

Students seeking to engage with Human Rights Studies can pursue one of *two pathways* alongside their major: the Intensive Human Rights Certificate, which is capped and requires an application, or the uncapped Human Rights Certificate, which offers an individualized pathway to develop expertise through related coursework. Students may choose either one, but not both of these pathways.

- To apply for the Intensive Human Rights Certificate, see the Human Rights website.
- To pursue the Human Rights Certificate, go to *Declare Major, Concentration within the Major, Certificate* on Yale Hub.

No more than two course credits fulfilling the requirements of either of the Human Rights Studies certificates may overlap with a major, a simultaneous degree, or another certificate. Additionally, no course credit may be applied toward the requirements of more than two curricular programs. For example, the same course credit may not be used to fulfill the requirements of two certificates and a major.

Elective courses

The number of courses at Yale College that touch on human rights is large, and we encourage a diversity of perspectives and methodologies across departments and disciplines. The formal criterion for a program elective is that a course “engage substantially with the language, ideas, and methods of human rights.” The elective should have a significant focus on Human Rights issues, with four or more of the thirteen (or six to eight of the twenty-six) course meetings focusing explicitly on these issues (per the syllabus). Approved electives are divided into two categories: (1) Domestic and (2) International, and students are expected to take at least one course in each of the categories. Graduate and professional school courses may count, with approval from the certificate director(s) or if tagged with one of the attributes listed below.

- YC Human Rights Domestic
- YC Human Rights International