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To: Human Rights Concentrators, Columbia College
From: Undergraduate Human Rights Program Steering Committee
Re: Approved Related Courses for the Special Concentration in Human Rights

You will find below a list of courses commonly offered in recent semesters that will automatically count as “related courses” for the Concentration, when next offered. (Of course, we will continue to update a list keyed to each semester on the course website)

Note that it is always possible for any course to be counted towards the concentration upon petition to the faculty director and showing of a persuasive rationale. In addition, students have the possibility of arranging their course of study according to one of several different “tracks,” **in consultation with the Faculty Director**. You do not have to enroll in or choose from tracks; they are informal suggestions of how you might shape your human rights course selection so that it is robust and coherent. Some sample tracks are listed below, and allow for inclusion of courses not on the list of automatically counted courses. Of course, students may devise their own tracks, approved by the faculty director if they involve courses outside the lists of courses that count automatically towards the concentration.

Courses

HRTS/POLS 3001 Introduction to Human Rights
HRTS W3996 Human Rights Senior Seminar (Michael Stanislawski)
AMST 3930: Topics in American Studies, Section 2: War & American Values (Andrew Delblanco)
AMST W3931 Topics in American Studies: Speech, Religion, and Constitution
ANTH 3660 Gender, Culture and Human Rights (Lila Abu-Lughod)
ANTH 3917 Urban Guerrillas: The Anthropology Of Political Resistances (Neni Panourgia)
ANTH V3977 Trauma (Karen Seeley)
ANTH V3921 Anticolonialism (David Scott)
BEPS W4090 Bioethics and Experimentation (Robert Klitzman)
CLEN W4550 Narrative and Human Rights (Joseph Slaughter)
CPLS W3935 Art and War (Coco Fusco)
CPLS 3938 Comparative Postcolonialisms (Joseph Slaughter)
CSER W3950 Rape/War/Trauma (Selena Wahng)
ECON W4911 Seminar: Poverty (Caterina Musatti)
ECON BC3011 Inequality and Poverty (Sanjay Reddy)
ECON BC3029 Development Economics (Sanjay Reddy)
ENGL W3910 Women's Rights: Religion and Human Rights (Joan M. Ferrante) (cross-listed as CPLS3910: Women, Religion and Human Rights)
HIST W3926 Laws of War in the Middle Ages (Adam Kosto)
HIST W3926 Historical Origins of Human Rights (Samuel Moyn)
HIST W4663 14th Amendment and Its Uses (Rosalind Rosenberg)
HIST BC 4905 Capitalism, Colonialism, and Culture: A Global History (Anupama Rao)
PHIL V3751 Social and Political Philosophy (David Sidorsky)
PHIL W4710 Human Rights and Social Justice (Arthur Kuflik)
POLS W3619 Nationalism and Contemporary World Politics (Jack Snyder)
POLS BC3423 Colloquium on Nonviolence (Dennis Dalton)
POLS BC3504 Colloquium: Social Movements (Mona El-Ghobashy)
POLS V3100 Justice (David Johnston)
POLS V3615 Globalization and International Politics (Alexander Cooley)
POLS W3285 Freedom of Speech and Press (Lee Bollinger)
POLS W3962 International Politics Seminar: Human Rights in World Politics (Bruce Cronin)
POLS BC3410 Colloquium: Human Rights in a Diverse World (Peter Juviler)
POLS W4160 Just Rules for the World Economy (Thomas Pogge)
POLS BC3326 Colloquium: Civil Rights and Liberties (Paula Franzese)
POLS BC3302 Colloquium: First Amendment Values (Paula Franzese)
RELI W4721 Religion and Social Justice (Wayne Proudfoot)
RELI W4825 Religion, Gender & Violence (Janet Jakobsen)
SOCI BC3235 Social Movements (Debra Minkoff)

SOCI 4020 Civil Society (Dana Fisher)

SPAN BC3251 Literature and Human Rights in the Americas (Marjorie Agosin)

URBS BC3590 Theorizing Civic Engagement (Maxine Weisgrau)

WMST V3312 Theorizing Women's Activism (Rebecca Young, Janet Jakobsen)

WMST V3915 Gender and Power in Global Perspective (Katharine Bedford)

NOTE: This list includes classes offered at Columbia/Barnard that are targeted at undergraduates. It does not include a listing of the many graduate-level courses covering different aspects of human rights studies that are offered throughout the university (at SIPA, at the Law School, as well as in many departments such as Political Science, Religion and History). While professors teaching these courses sometimes reserve these courses exclusively for graduate students, they often accept exceptional undergraduates on a case-by-case basis. Upper-level students are encouraged to seek out these courses and apply for admission, when appropriate for their interests and level of academic preparedness. **Note, however, that in order to have graduate-level courses count towards their concentration, students must get formal approval from their relevant advisor (in the case of Columbia College students, this would be the Faculty Director of the human rights program; in the case of Barnard College students, this would be their departmental faculty advisor).**

Sample "Tracks":

While most students will be interested in taking a selection of more generally targeted human rights courses such as those included on the above list of courses, some students may be interested in focusing their study of human rights on particular topics within the study of human rights, or on human rights issues within a particular region of the world. In order to accommodate such potentially diverse interests amongst the student body, students concentrating in human rights may petition for permission to structure their concentration according to a particular "track" of study, which "track" may include courses that would not generally be allowed to count towards the concentration. A few possible "tracks" are listed below.

Note, however, that this list highlights only a few of many possible "tracks." Similarly, the list of courses within each track includes only some of many possible courses that may be related to/accepted as part of that track. **Students wanting to structure their study according to these or other such "tracks" must do so in consultation with the Human Rights Faculty Director. Courses of study not granted such explicit approval will NOT count towards the student's Human Rights concentration/major.** Note that the following suggested "tracks" highlight only courses not included within the standardized list above: students wishing to structure their study according to one of these tracks may, of course, find it useful to combine some "track"-specific courses with some of the more general human rights courses in the above list. Again, this is a subject to be determined individually in each student's case, in discussion with a student's relevant faculty advisor.

Human Rights/Civil Rights in the U.S.

AFAS C3930 Topics in the Black Experience: Brown vs. Board of Education
AMST W3931 Topics in American Studies: Equity in American Higher Education
CSER W3940 Comparative Constitutional Challenges Affecting African, Latino and Asian Americans (Eliabeth OuYang)
ETHN W1012 History of Racialization in the US
HIST W4584 History of African American Health/Health Movement (Samuel Roberts)
HIST W4421 Social Movements in African American History (Samuel Roberts)
POLS W3922 American Politics Seminar: Majority Rule/Minority Rights

Legal & Philosophical Underpinnings of Human Rights

ANTH W4282 Islamic Law (Brinkley Messick)
CLME G4764 Modern and Medieval Islamic Political Thought (Hamid Dabashi)
HIST 4313 Animals from Aristotle to Agamben (Samuel Moyn)
PHIL V3701 Moral Philosophy (David Sidorsky)
PHIL V3716 Topics in Moral Philosophy
PHIL 3751 Social and Political Philosophy

Displacement, Migration and Multiculturalism

CSER W3050 Multiculturalism in South Europe (Pietro Saitta)
POLS W3260 Latino Politics: Immigration/Immigrant (Carlos Vargas-Ramos)

Gender and Human Rights

ANTH V3041 Women and Gender in the Muslim World (Lila Abu-Lughod)
HIST W4663 Gender and Sexualities - Latin America (Caterina Pizzigoni)
HIST BC 3803 Gender and Empire (Anupama Rao)
HIST BC3840 Gender, Caste and Nation in South Asia (Anupama Rao)
HIST BC3681 Women and Gender in Latin America (Nara Milanich)
SOCIO G4063 Gender and Stratification (Thomas Deprite)
WMST W4485 Gender and Development in South Asia (Smita Jassal)
WMST W4300 Advanced Topics in Women/Gender Studies: Gender, HIV and AIDS
WMST W4300 Gender, Globalization and Empire (Neferti Tadiar)

Public Health and Human Rights

PHIL V3720 Ethics and Medicine (Jeffrey Blustein)
WMST W4300 Advanced Topics in Women/Gender Studies: Gender, HIV and AIDS

Trauma/Memory/Genocide Studies

AHIST BC3675 Memorials: The Art of Witness (Rosalyn Deutsche)
CLEN BC3101 Holocaust Literature and Film (Ariella Lang)
HIST W4761 Text, Oral History and Memory (Leo Spitzer)
HIST W3997 WWII in History and Memory

Regional Track: South Asia

ANTH V3525 Introduction to South Asian History and Culture

HIST BC3840 Discipline and the Body in South Asia (Anupama Rao)

HIST BC3840 Gender, Caste and Nation in South Asia (Anupama Rao)

HIST BC3802 Colonialism and Nationalism in South Asia (Anupama Rao)

WMST W4485 Gender and Development in South Asia (Smita Jassal)

Regional Track: Latin America

HIST W3663 Mexico from Revolution to Democracy (Pablo Piccato)

HIST BC3681 Women and Gender in Latin America (Nara Milanich)

POLS W4461 Latin American Politics

POLS 3951 Colloquium: Political Economy of Latin America (Victoria Murillo)

Other possible tracks might include:

- Human Rights in a regional context not listed above, which could conceivably include courses focused on study of a particular region and/or courses focused on issues of specific relevance to that region (such as economic development, civil war, ethnicity, or religion)
- Ethnic Relations within the nation
- Slavery
- Democracy and Human Rights