HRTS 5000 Introduction to International Human Rights (3)
This course introduces students to the philosophic and political background of the concept of human rights. Key components include discussion of the history, documents, theories, issues, institutions, ethical debates, and current problems in human rights.

HRTS 5200 Research Methods and Approaches to International Human Rights (3)
An overview of the methods and analysis used to examine human rights abuses, as well as a resource for sources databases, and other material on human rights. Students will learn to analyze and conduct research, write research proposals, and analyze existing research.

HRTS 5300 Advocacy, Fact Finding and Outreach (3)
This course provides the theoretical understanding and practical skills of human rights advocacy, fact-finding, and outreach. The class will analyze the process which creates domestic and international awareness regarding human rights issues from fact finding to effective lobbying.

HRTS 5350 Gender and Human Rights (3)
This course examines the gendered nature of victimization and human rights abuses. Students will analyze the effect of women's differential position in the social structure, including their legal status and political representation. Students will study various topics, such as the gendered aspects of public policy and human rights law; the militarization of society; the gendered conduct of war and wartime activities; and the impact of gender on the aftermath of war, conflict prevention, peacemaking, and peacebuilding.

HRTS 5400 Human Rights Diplomacy (3)
This course examines the negotiating and bargaining process related to the promotion and protection of internationally recognized human rights. We look at both state and non-state actors as well as the tools and tactics used by actors to encourage respect for human rights.

HRTS 5450 History of Human Rights (3)
This course explores the historical development of international human rights as theory and practice, with particular focus on the contributions of the Enlightenment, the French Revolution, and the anti-slavery movement to universal ideals of human rights, World Wars and anti-colonial struggles, and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights.

HRTS 5600 International Human Rights Law and Organizations (3)
This course reviews core legal documents and the work of the most important governmental and nongovernmental institutions currently involved in human rights protection and promotion. Students will examine important issues in current political and ethical debates about human rights and current problems in human rights protection.

HRTS 5610 International Humanitarian Law (3)
This course covers the history, development, scope, and purpose of international humanitarian law and its basic principles, including protection of the defenseless in war, restrictions on the conduct of hostilities, the law of non-international armed conflicts, the problem of supervision and repression, and collective responsibility for the implementation of humanitarian law.

HRTS 5620 International Criminal Law (3)
This course explores international criminal law as applied by national and international courts. There is a particular focus on the critical discussion of the substantive and institutional impacts of the system, its history, principles, and the relationship between major actors.

HRTS 5800 Issues in International Human Rights (3)
The students will examine important issues in current political and ethical debates about human rights in the domestic and international sphere. Topics may vary. Course may be repeated for credit if content differs.

HRTS 6000 Capstone in International Human Rights (3)
This course acts as the capstone for students who are completing a master of arts in international human rights. Students will produce and defend their final research project for their degree program.

HRTS 6250 Thesis (3-6)
The student completes a thesis project under the supervision of two faculty members. The thesis option is recommended for those considering graduate study at doctoral level. All theses must follow university guidelines and be deposited in the Webster University library. Students must secure approval of their proposal from the academic director or coordinator of the program at the site where the thesis is to be done. General policy expects proposals to be submitted before the 24th credit hour is completed.

HRTS 6500 Internship in International Human Rights (3-6)
The internship is an intensive experience that provides the student with the opportunity to work within an existing human rights organization and learn first-hand about its mission, goals, and operations. Within the experience, students will apply their understanding of the theories and actors of human rights to the practice of their specific role and organization.