

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIANISM

This named option covers the range of laws, norms, and organizations that address the protection of vulnerable populations and ordinary citizens. This named option covers human rights, as they are codified in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; hence it covers the civil and political rights, from speech, belief, association, and discrimination, to social, economic, and cultural rights, such as the right to education, health, and water, among others. Human Rights and Humanitarianism also encompasses the organizations and institutions that work to protect and advocate for these rights, inclusive of courses on international law, nonprofit management, and non-state actors in global politics as well as those on specialized multilateral organizations that deal with human rights, such as regional organizations and specialized agencies at the United Nations. The named option similarly addresses social movements for change. It addresses the ways in which civilians are protected when thrust into conditions of hardship, including the laws of war, regimes on migration and forced migration, and efforts to address global health disparities.