

Human Rights in Latin America

Course code: POL 2500

Total contact hours: 48 hours

Pre-requisite: None

Course Overview

This course will provide students with an introduction to the issues surrounding the development and abuse of human rights in Latin America. Students will explore the most recent advances in this field along with the most pertinent problems about their adoption and implementation.

Particular emphasis will be given to the case of Costa Rica, allowing the students to explore the development of human rights in the following areas: women's rights, children's rights, HIV/AIDS, the CAFTA agreement and labor rights, indigenous groups, and human rights, disability and age issues, and the prison environment. Specific attention will be given to testimonies of human rights abuses and the Costa Rican legal framework development concerning these areas mentioned above. By analyzing these cases and the issues involved, students will gain an understanding of how human rights are being implemented through Costa Rica's laws, policy framework, and institutional commitment to human rights.