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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the School of Public and International Affairs to offer a new minor in International Human Rights and Security will be an agenda item for the October 22, 2021, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** School of Public and International Affairs
2. **Department/Division:** International Affairs
3. **Minor Name:** Minor in International Human Rights and Security
4. **Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2022
5. **Which campus(es) will offer this program?** Athens
6. **CIP:** 30200101

7. Program Description:

The Minor in International Human Rights and Security provides students with both theoretical and practical knowledge in the human rights and security fields. Students will understand the history and current structure of institutions designed to protect basic human rights and human security, as well as the causes and consequences of human rights abuse. International and domestic policy interventions to improve human rights and security will be critically examined. The curriculum will highlight the role of data literacy, including both quantitative and qualitative approaches, in current human rights and security careers. Students with this minor will be prepared for work with non-governmental organizations, international institutions, security forces, and government agencies. Student understanding will be enhanced through a combination of theoretical and hands-on experiences.

The educational objectives of the Minor in International Human Rights and Security are:

- 1) Reflectively engage with the history of human rights and human security, focusing on the international institutions designed to improve human rights and their various domestic counterparts.
- 2) Understand the interdisciplinary and interconnected nature of the human rights and human security fields.
- 3) Effectively synthesize and critically interact with scholarly research on the causes and consequences of actions taken to improve human rights and security.
- 4) Ability to apply human rights research to a current regional situation.
- 5) Competency with multiple research methods to understand both qualitative and quantitative human rights data, with a particular focus on the sensitive nature of human rights data.
- 6) Hands-on experience with the human rights and security field, focusing on experience with practitioners and policy-relevant research.

8. Program of Study/Requirements:

The Minor in International Human Rights and Security will require a minimum of 15 credit hours. The minor will require a foundational course and a research methods course. In addition, a capstone course with original research or internship experience related to human rights will be required. Students will have the opportunity to take six hours of electives, with one elective course focusing on a specific region or population. To note, fulfilling the required courses for the minor will require a student to take INTL 3200 or INTL 3200E, Introduction to International Relations, or INTL 3300 or INTL 3300E, Introduction to Comparative Politics, as a prerequisite.

Prerequisite Courses:

INTL 3200 or INTL 3200E, Introduction to International Relations
or
INTL 3300 or INTL 3300E, Introduction to Comparative Politics

Required Courses (9 hours):

1. **Foundational Course: INTL 4620 or INTL 4620E or INTL 4620H, Human Rights or Human Rights (Honors) (3 hours):** Definitions of human rights, comparing universal and culturally contingent perspectives. Sources of violation of human rights, the role of international law and non-governmental organizations.
2. **Human Rights-Related Research Methods:**
Choose one of the following five courses
 - a. **INTL 2002, Networks in International Affairs (3 hours):** An introduction to network analysis and methods in international affairs.
 - b. **INTL 4000, Research Design and Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3 hours):** Introduces students to research design and basic quantitative analysis, with substantive examples geared towards comparative and international politics. Topics include how to construct theories in social science, causality, inference, descriptive statistics, measures of bivariate association, and multivariate linear regression.
 - c. **INTL 4004 or INTL 4004E, Data Analytics for International Policy (3 hours):** An introduction to data analytics for careers in international affairs.
**NOTE: INTL 4004 is a proposed new course.*
 - d. **INTL 4005, Social Experimentation Around the World (3 hours):** Design and analysis of social experiments; review of diverse examples of experiments from around the world; reasoning about cause and effect.
 - e. **INTL 4006, Qualitative Methods for International Affairs and Policy (3 hours):** An introduction to methods of empirical inquiry that utilize qualitative methods, mainly archival research, interviews, focus groups, participant observation, process tracing, and fieldwork. Focuses on practical applications of these methods for the policy world.

3. Human Rights Capstone (Experiential Learning):

Choose one of the following six courses

- a. **INTL 4425R, Advanced Research in International Security Policy (3 hours):** A research course required for students in the Center for International Trade and Security's (CITS) Security Leadership Program (SLP). Each student will conduct individualized, independent research on national security, international security, or a human security issue under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Students will produce a significant written assignment as their final product of the course. The course is only available to students admitted to the SLP who have completed the Practicum--Methods and Issues in Security Studies course, the first- semester SLP practicum in security studies.
- b. **INTL 4622R, GLOBIS Human Rights Research (3 hours):** Advanced study of international human rights research, measurement, education, media, and practice with a faculty-mentored independent research component.
- c. **INTL 4721, International Affairs Internship Research (4 hours):** Research project completed as part of internship related to international affairs.
- d. **INTL 4722, International Affairs Internship Analytical Essays (4 hours):** Weekly analytical essays completed as part of internship related to international affairs.
- e. **INTL 4960R, Faculty-Mentored Undergraduate Research I (3 hours):** Faculty-supervised independent or collaborative inquiry into fundamental and applied problems within a discipline that requires students to gather, analyze, and synthesize and interpret data and to present results in writing and other relevant communication formats.
- f. **INTL 4990R, Undergraduate Research Thesis (3+ hours):** Faculty-supervised independent or collaborative inquiry into fundamental and applied problems within a discipline that requires students to gather, analyze, and synthesize and interpret data. Students will write or produce a thesis or other professional capstone product, such as a report or portfolio that describes their systematic and in-depth inquiry.

Elective Courses (6 hours):

Choose at least two of the following courses, with at least 3 hours from each category. One course must be outside of INTL. Additional courses may count with advising and SPIA faculty approval.

1. Category 1: Interdisciplinary International Human Rights and Security Practice

- a. CMLT 4270/6270, Transnational Literatures (3 hours)
- b. COMM 4360/6360, Communication Strategies in Social Movements (3 hours)
- c. COMM 4380, The Rhetoric of War (3 hours)
- d. ENGL 3330 or ENGL 3330H, Literature and Human Rights or Literature and Human Rights (Honors) (3 hours)

- e. GEOG 3640, The Geography of Human Rights (3 hours)
- f. HIST 2705, Refugees, Immigrants, and Deportable Workers: The Global History of International Migration (3 hours)
- g. HIST 3775, Crime, Punishment, and Human Rights (3 hours)
- h. INTL 4210, International Law (3 hours)
- i. INTL 4240, International Organizations (3 hours)
- j. INTL 4290 or INTL 4290H, War and Human Security or War and Human Security (Honors) (3 hours)
- k. INTL 4316, Democratic Erosion (3 hours)
- l. INTL 4475, War and Gender (3 hours)
- m. INTL 4610, Environmental Politics (3 hours)
- n. INTL 4650, Women and World Politics (3 hours)
- o. INTL 4684, Repression and Dissent (3 hours)
- p. INTL(AFST) 4680, Peace Studies (3 hours)
- q. INTL(HPAM) 4615 or INTL(HPAM) 4615E, Politics of Disease Control (3 hours)
- r. JURI 3400, Introduction to Global Governance (3 hours)
- s. SOCI(INTL) 4560 or SOCI(INTL) 4560S, Globalization and Work (3 hours)
- t. SOWK 5370, Global Social Work: Issues and Practices (3 hours)

2. Category 2: Regional Expertise

- a. ANTH(NAMS) 3410 or ANTH(NAMS) 3410H, Contemporary Native America or Contemporary Native America (Honors) (3 hours)
- b. CMLT 3140, Women Writers of the East and West (3 hours)
- c. CMLT 3220, Women and Writing in East Asia (3 hours)
- d. CMLT 4170/6170, Israel or Palestine? Culture and Conflict in the Middle East (3 hours)
- e. CMLT 4230/6230, African Cinema (3 hours)
- f. CMLT(AFAM)(AFST)(GEOG)(LACS) 4260/6260, The Black and Green Atlantic: Crosscurrents of the African and Irish Diasporas (3 hours)
- g. CMLT 4630/6360, Holocaust Literature and Film (3 hours)
- h. CMLT 4640/6640, War in East Asian Film and Literature (3 hours)
- i. CMLT 4680/6680, Law and Culture East Asia (3 hours)
- j. COMM 3330, Rhetoric of the Civil Rights Movement (3 hours)
- k. COMM 4370/6370, Women and United States Public Discourse (3 hours)
- l. ENGL 3880S, The Modern Civil Rights Movement in Literature and Culture (3 hours)
- m. GEOG(INTL) 4694, Politics and the Modern European State (3 hours)
- n. HIST 3010 or HIST 3010H, United States Immigration History or United States Immigration History (Honors) (3 hours)
- o. HIST 3090, The American South (3 hours)
- p. HIST(AFAM) 3102, Modern African American Experience (3 hours)
- q. HIST 3270, History of Argentina and Chile in the 20th Century (3 hours)
- r. HIST 3570H, Religion, Nationalism, and Revolution in the Middle East, 1990 to the Present (Honors) (3 hours)
- s. HIST 4120/6120 or HIST 4120H, The Civil Rights Movement or The Civil Rights Movement (Honors) (3 hours)
- t. HIST(AFAM) 4125/6125, The New Jim Crow: The Criminalization of Black People in America (3 hours)
- u. INTL 4330 or INTL 4330H, Post-Industrial Democracy or Post-Industrial Democracy (Honors) (3 hours)
- v. INTL 4335, Far Right Politics in Western Democracy (3 hours)

- w. INTL 4340 or INTL 4340H, Post-Community Politics or Post-Community Politics (Honors) (3 hours)
- x. INTL 4360, East Asian Politics (3 hours)
- y. INTL 4361, Chinese Politics (3 hours)
- z. INTL 4370, Middle Eastern Politics (3 hours)
- aa. INTL 4390, European Politics (3 hours)
- bb. INTL 4625 or INTL 4625H, The Holocaust and Contemporary German Politics or The Holocaust and Contemporary German Politics (Honors) (3 hours)
- cc. INTL 4627, The Holocaust and Italy (3 hours)
- dd. INTL 4640, European Union (3 hours)
- ee. INTL 4644, Human Rights in the European Union (3 hours)
- ff. INTL(AFST) 4355, African Politics (3 hours)
- gg. INTL(LACS) 4270, Inter-American Relations (3 hours)
- hh. INTL(LACS) 4380, Latin American Politics (3 hours)
- ii. INTL(POLS) 4367, Politics, Society, and Culture of Scotland (3 hours)
- jj. LACS(INTL)(SOCI) 4111/6111, Citizenship and Social Movements in Latin America and the Caribbean (3 hours)
- kk. POLS 4710 or POLS 4710H, Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties or Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties (Honors) (3 hours)
- ll. POLS(INTL) 4362, Government and Economy of China (3 hours)
- ff. POLS(INTL) 4363, Politics, Society, and Culture of China (3 hours)
- gg. RELI 4204/6204, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Religion (3 hours)
- hh. SOCI(INTL) 4570S, South African Society (3 hours)

9. Justification: The Department of International Affairs is a world leader in human rights and human security. Human rights are the fundamental rights that humans inherently have, regardless of race, nationality, sex, or any other characteristic; human rights are protected by international law and foundational to current international governance. Human security is commonly defined as individual-level freedom from want and fear; the United Nations has used the approach to understand global threats and policy solutions since 1994. Using innovative data science techniques, scholars – including many scholars in the Department of International Affairs - are increasingly finding a human dimension to international security. The proposed minor will provide students increased expertise in human rights and human security and prepare students for careers in this booming field. Many peer and aspirational institutions already have thriving minors in this area, including the University of Chicago, University of Washington, University of California - Berkeley, Stanford University, and the University of Connecticut. The Department of International Affairs is well positioned for this minor, with faculty and expertise that make the minor's design especially innovative and valuable for current career trends.



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Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
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Dear Provost Hu,

I am transmitting a proposal for a new undergraduate Minor in International Human Rights and Security in the Department of International Affairs. With its international reputation for excellence in human rights scholarship, and considering the many undergraduate courses that the Department already offers in the area of human rights and security, I am very supportive of this proposed minor. The Department, the SPIA Curriculum Committee, and the SPIA Council vote unanimously in favor of this proposal. Please contact me with any questions about our proposal, and thank you for considering it.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Auer
Dean and Arch Professor of Public and International Affairs

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Minor in International Human Rights and Security

College: School of Public and International Affairs

Department: International Affairs

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2022

Department:

- International Affairs Department Head, Dr. Amanda Murdie, 9/24/21

School/College:

- School of Public and International Affairs Dean, Dr. Matthew Auer, 9/24/21

Additional Support:

- African Studies Institute Director, Dr. Akinloye Ojo, 9/10/21
- Center on Human Trafficking Research and Outreach Director, Dr. David Okech, 8/30/21
- Communication Studies Department Head, Dr. Celeste Condit, 9/17/21
- English Department Head, Dr. Michelle Ballif, 9/3/21
- History Department Head, Dr. Jamie Kreiner, 9/2/21
- Political Science Department Head, Dr. Scott Ainsworth, 8/31/21
- School of Law Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Logan Sawyer, 9/3/21

Additional Notifications:

- Anthropology Department Head, Dr. Ted Gragson, 9/27/21
- Comparative Literature Department Head, Dr. Masaki Mori, 9/27/21
- Geography Department Head, Dr. Hilda Kurtz, 9/27/21
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute Director, Dr. Amy Ross, 8/31/21
- Religion Department Head, Dr. Wayne Coppins, 8/31/21
- Sociology Department Head, Dr. James Coverdill, 8/31/21
- School of Social Work Associate Dean, Dr. Joon Choi, 9/27/21
- Center for Social Justice, Human and Civil Rights Director, Dr. Llewellyn Cornelius, 8/26/21