

GLOBAL RIGHTS ACTIONS

DEGREE MODULES AVAILABLE: Honours Specialization, Specialization

Students in our Global Rights Actions program confront the fact that claims made by individuals, communities, and peoples to the freedoms, dignity, and autonomy promised in socially recognised and lawful rights are grounded in political struggles to first claim the right to have rights. Students engage with the actions taken by people to make themselves rightful in their societies, considering what it takes for a right to be recognised as the property of a person. Accordingly, students explore how rights laws are contestable grounds, always open to and benefitting from the work of social innovation. In addition to taking courses offered in Global Social Innovation, students complement their CGSI studies with courses in Philosophy, Political Science, Indigenous Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies.

THE GLOBAL RIGHTS ACTIONS PROGRAM EXAMINES:

- The social conditions under which it makes sense to think of life as a matter of rights
- Relationships made between rights law and rules of citizenship
- Fundamental tensions between assertions of freedom and claims to rights
- How the traditional "subject of rights" is formed in terms of gender, race, and class
- Women's struggles for rights
- The precarious nature of the rights claims of migrants, refugees, and stateless persons
- Indigenous self-determination
- Social innovations in asserting autonomy and freedom beyond laws of rights
- Rights to be political

For more information, please contact the Director of the Centre for Global Social Innovation through our website: uronu.ca/programs/arts-social-science/global-social-innovation



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Global Rights Actions

"Global Rights Actions has profoundly shaped my educational and personal growth. The program's interdisciplinary approach challenged me to think critically about rights, justice, and social issues in new ways. Through small, discussion-based classes, I learned to connect theory to complex world issues while building meaningful relationships with peers and professors. The Centre reflects Huron's commitment to fostering socially aware students who Lead with Heart."

COURSES & LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN GLOBAL RIGHTS ACTIONS

CRITICAL STUDIES OF LAW AND RIGHTS THEORY:

Law in Global Relations and Languages of Power
Feminist Theory and Practice for Change
Global Justice and Human Rights
Law and Social Equality
Foundations of Feminist Thought
Rights and Ethics

EXAMINATIONS OF STRUGGLES FOR THE RIGHT TO HAVE RIGHTS:

Civil Disobedience and Social Protest
Culture, Values, and Human Rights
Globalization and Theories of Justice
The Politics of Human Rights
Race, Rights, and Revolution
Women, Law and Social Change
Power and Resistance

RIGHTS ACTIONS OF MIGRANTS AND DISPLACED PERSONS:

Engaging Global Human Displacement
Refugees and the Displaced: An Anthropological Approach to Forced Migration
Global Mobilities

SELF-DETERMINATIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

Indigenous Peoples and Global Dispossession
Decoloniality
Non-State Peoples and State Formations
Indigenous Feminisms: Politics, Resistance, and Cultural Resurgence
Indigenous Political and Legal Issues

ANTI-SEXISM AND THE OVERCOMING OF GENDER-BASED SUBORDINATION:

Global Cultures of Gendering and Orientation
Black Feminist Thought: Principles, Debates, Social Transformation
Making Waves: Women's Activism in the Atlantic World
Gender, Sexuality, and Cultural Resistance

