

# SMU Human Rights Minor

## Course Descriptions

### **ANTH 1321**

#### ***First Year Seminar: Violence & Social Suffering in Global Perspectives***

Offers beginning students an opportunity to pursue a specific, anthropological topic in depth in a small class setting. It will be both writing-and reading-intensive.

### **ANTH 2301**

#### ***Introductory Cultural Anthropology***

This course focuses on understanding the forces that shape cultures and societies, and how they adapt to a rapidly changing world.

### **ANTH 3301**

#### **Health, Healing and Ethics**

Cross-cultural perspectives on sickness and society. Explores cultures and organization of medical systems, economic development and the global exportation of biomedicine and ethical dilemmas associated with medical technologies and global disparities in health.

### **ANTH 3310**

#### **Gender and Sex Roles**

Cross cultural and historical comparison of women's and men's life experiences in the areas of family, marriage and kinship, economic and political participation, sexuality, reproduction, ritual and religion.

### **ANTH 3311**

#### ***Mexico: From Conquest to Cancun***

An introduction to the unity and diversity of Mexican society as it has developed through encounters with other cultures – from 16<sup>th</sup> century conquistadores to 21<sup>st</sup> century tourists and emigrants. Meets Human Diversity co-requirement.

### **ANTH 3327**

#### ***Culture Change and Globalization: Social Science Perspectives***

Introduction to anthropological perspectives on global transformations: world economic integration; economic development and sociocultural change; new patterns of hunger, poverty and disease; ethnic resurgence and nationalism; migration and transnationalism; the expansion of global religions and fundamentalist movements, and changes in gender and family patterns. Meets Human Diversity co-requirement

### **ANTH 3333**

#### ***The Immigrant Experience***

Course explores historical, social, cultural and political dimensions of the US immigrant experience, and America's attitudes towards immigrants. Controversial issues such as bilingual education and illegal immigration will be examined. Meets Human Diversity co-requirement.

### **ANTH 3336**

#### ***Gender & Globalization – Cultural & Ethical Issues***

An analysis of the impact of globalizing forces on women's lives and identities, as well as on patterns of gender relations and ideology in various cultures around the world. Meets Human Diversity co-requirement.

### **ANTH 3348**

#### ***Health as a Human Right: Globalization, Health & International Ethics***

This course examines the concept of human rights critically, with an eye for cross-cultural variation, and a particular focus on rights that are health-related.

### **ANTH 3351**

#### ***Forensic Anthropology: Stories Told By Bones***

Introduction to the identification of human remains, including conditions of preservation and decay. Estimating sex, stature, age and ethnicity. Identifying pathology, trauma and other causes of death.

### **ANTH 3353**

#### ***Indians of North America***

A survey of American Indian and Eskimo life, past and present, with emphasis on the interaction of Indians and Whites since 1492 and contemporary American Indian problems and enterprises – reservation and urban life, gambling, health care and legal rights. Meets Human Diversity co-requirement.

**ANTH 3354*****Latin America: Peoples, Places and Power***

Examines the development of Latin America in the context of global transformations since the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Special attention is given to the interaction of local communities with regional, national and international systems of power. Meets Human Diversity co-requirement.

**ANTH 3358*****Indians of the Southwest***

An introduction to the non-Pueblo and Pueblo peoples of the Greater Southwest, with a focus on Indian-Indian and Indian-Euroamerican relations and the resultant transformations. Topics will include clash of cultures, tourism, gambling, legal rights and urbanism. Meets Human Diversity co-requirement.

**ANTH 3388*****Warfare & Violence: The Anthropology & Ethics of Human Conflict***

An examination of the origins and development of human aggression, violence and warfare using interdisciplinary data and theories from prehistory, ethnology, history and political science.

**ANTH 4303*****Political Economy of Health***

Course explores topics in health and healing from a political economy perspective. Addresses social and economic factors influencing culture change, health and healing practices within a society. Examines health inequities around the globe. Prerequisites: ANTH 2301, ANTH 3301 or approval by instructor.

**ANTH 4305*****Applied Anthropology***

The application of anthropological theories and methods to problems in contemporary societies, including global business, community development, health care issues, agricultural/environmental programs, urban planning, tourism projects and education policy. Prerequisites: Advanced standing and ANTH 2301 (or permission of instructor for nonanthropology majors).

**ANTH 4309*****Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, and Nation States***

An examination of human rights issues among contemporary indigenous peoples, especially the impact of governmental and nongovernmental organizations, large-scale development programs and global tourism on their cultures and societies.

**ARHS 4349*****Seminar in Contemporary Art: Why We Go to Auschwitz: Art Trauma & Memory*****CCJN 5305*****Human Rights and the Journalist*****CTV 2384*****War on Film*****ENGL 1365*****Literature of Minorities***

Representative works of African-American, Hispanic, American, Gay, Asian American, and Native American literature, both in their immediate cultural context and against the background of the larger American culture.

**ENGL 3367*****Ethical Implications of Children's Literature***

Examination of children's literature with emphasis on notions of morality and evil, including issues of colonialism, race, ethnicity, gender and class.

**ENGL 3383*****Literary Executions: Imagination and Capital Punishment***

The literary treatment of capital punishment in drama, poetry, novel and biography.

**FL 3377*****Shadows of Enlightenment: Human Rights in Germany*****HIST 2391*****Africa to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century***

History of Africa south of the Sahara, focusing on culture and social organization, the Bantu migrations, African kingdoms, contacts with the world, Islam and the slave trade.

**HIST 2392*****Modern Africa***

An introduction to the history of Africa since 1800. Focuses on a number of themes to enable a better understanding of the recent past of this vast continent. Major topics include the 19<sup>th</sup>-century social, political and economic revolutions in Southern and West Africa, the incorporation of the continent into the capitalist world economy, class formation under colonial rule, the rise of nationalism, and the politics of liberation.

**HIST 2395*****Modern East Asia***

A survey of modern East Asia emphasizing an outline of the traditional societies, the Western impact, Japanese industrialization and imperialism, Pearl Harbor and the rise of Chinese communism.

**HIST 3301*****Human Rights: America's Dilemma***

Examines certain violations of human rights within their historical context and explores America's commission and prevention of human rights violations.

**HIST 3304*****Blacks and the Civil Rights Movement***

African Americans and the Civil Rights Movement with a focus on post-World War II migration, changing conceptions of race, increasing black prosperity, integration and black nationalism, and the lives of significant black leaders of the Civil Rights Movement.

**HIST 3306*****Colony to Empire: US Diplomacy 1789-1941***

Examines major events in American foreign policy from the Early National period to Pearl Harbor, emphasizing 19<sup>th</sup> century continental expansion, early 20<sup>th</sup> century imperialism and American involvement in the World Wars.

**HIST 3307*****US and the Cold War, 1945-1989***

An examination of major events in American foreign policy since World War II, emphasizing policy toward Western Europe, the Soviet Union, Asian and Latin America.

**HIST 3312*****Women in American History***

Analyzes women's changing social, economic, and political roles in American society from colonial times to the present.

**HIST 3313*****African-Americans in the US 1607-1877***

Examines the people of the African continent, uprooted and enslaved, who continually grappled with the problem of how to preserve their dignity and identity in a hostile environment. The African Americans' adjustment to American society, their exterior struggle against political oppression, the interior nature of their group life, and the development of black institutions are critical to the course's concerns.

**HIST 3314*****African-Americans in the US 1877-Present***

Particular attention will be given to Populism, disfranchisement, segregation and lynching, black leadership ideologies, the influence of mass migrations, the impact of the Great Depression and two world wars on black life, the quest for equality in the 1950s and the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, and the flowering of black culture and nationalism.

**HIST 3317*****Women in Latin American Societies***

The female experience in the formation of Latin American colonial societies. The theoretical explanation of womanhood within the ideology of the Spanish Counter-Reformation and its application to the daily life of women will be studied.

**HIST 3322*****Native American History***

Examines the roles Native Americans played in the history of North American (excluding Mexico) from 1500 to present.

**HIST 3341*****Soviet/Post-Soviet Society***

Soviet/Russian/Eurasian experience from historical, ethnographic, economic, social and culture perspectives, beginning with the present and going back to the roots of the Soviet state and society in the Revolutionary experience, 1917 to 1921.

**HIST 3363*****The Holocaust***

This course examines the destruction of the European Jews as they emerged from pre-World War I anti-Semitism and Nazi racism and considers Jewish responses to genocide, the behavior of bystanders, and possibilities of rescue.

**HIST 3371*****Conflicts in the Modern Middle East***

Examines the Arab-Israeli conflict, other regional conflicts and the U.S. – U.S.S.R. Cold War in the Middle East.

**HIST 3390*****Modern Middle East: 1949 to Present***

This survey course introduces students to the history and politics of the contemporary Middle East.

**HIST 3392*****The African Diaspora***

Examines the role of Black literature in bringing on the collapse of European colonial order and as a major force in the struggle against neocolonialism today. Explores links between literature and politics, literature and history, and thought and action in 20<sup>th</sup> century Africa and the Caribbean.

**HIST 3393*****China in Revolution***

Examines the “century of revolution” in China, from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century to the present, beginning with the unique political and social structure of “Old China,” and analyzing the impact of Western Imperialism and the creative responses of intellectuals, warlords and revolutionaries.

**HIST 3401*****The Good Society***

Examines the values and ideals that have been fundamental to the historical concept of the “good society,” with an emphasis on themes to aid in understanding issues of race, gender, ethics and power essential to any meaningful evaluation of the society in which one lives.

**HIST 4363*****Inside Nazi Germany***

The reality beneath the spectacle of the Nuremberg rallies and the efficiency of the totalitarian state.

**HIST 5340*****Seminar in American History: Women’s Rights in the US***

Intensive examination of major topics in American history.

**PHIL 3371*****Social & Political Philosophy***

This course will examine some of the basic questions in these fields, and most important answers that have been given to them. Topics may vary, but typical questions include the following: What forms of government are most reasonable and morally defensible? Are citizens in a modern state normally obligated to obey the law? What is justice and how might it be embodied in a system of government? Are there such things as ‘natural rights’ and how do we know about them? What is the basis for saying that we have rights to freedom of speech and religion? When, if ever, is it legitimate for a state to go to war? These questions have been asked since antiquity, and we will be looking at the important answers that have been given to them since then.

**PHIL 3374*****Philosophy Law***

An examination of central questions in philosophy of law. Topics vary, but the following are representative. What is law? What is the relationship between law and morality? To what extent may or must judges make value judgments in deciding what the law is? To what extent can or should “legislative intent” or “original meaning” constrain judicial interpretation of constitutional provisions? Whom should we punish, why should we punish them, and how much should we punish them?

**PHIL 3377*****Animal Rights***

An examination of the moral status of nonhuman animals, and its implications for the common use of animals as food and experimental subjects for humans.

**PHIL 3380*****Ethical Theory***

An examination of the more fundamental – and more abstract – questions in philosophical ethics.

**PLSC 1380*****Introduction to International Relations***

A basic survey of the elements of international relations, including the nation-state system, international organizations, international law, diplomacy, foreign policy and various non-state actors such as multinational corporations.

**PLSC 3345*****Politics of the Middle East***

A survey of modern Middle East governments and politics. Topics include the historical, ideological and economic and social influences on their domestic and foreign policies, analysis of emerging political forms, and modernization problems.

**PLSC 3346*****Government & Politics of Japan***

A study of political institutions, foreign policies and international relations, and the economic and social problems of Japan.

**PLSC 3347*****Politics of Africa***

The politics of Black Africa in an international context, emphasizing the problems of race, nationalism and economic development.

**PLSC 3348*****Politics of Latin America***

The structure, functions and operations of governments in Latin American countries with emphasis on political practices and institutions.

**PLSC 3352*****Chinese Politics***

Chinese contributions to Marxist-Leninist theory; analysis of Chinese institutions and policy making, with emphasis on recent political developments.

**PLSC 3358*****Government & Politics of Russia***

Examines attempts to reform the former Soviet Union since 1985. Analyzes, in particular, the social and political processes behind the demise of the Soviet system. Emphasis is placed on sources for support of, as well as obstacles to, political, economic and social reform in post-communist Russia.

**PLSC 3381*****Current Issues in International Politics***

An interdisciplinary survey of contemporary issues and challenges in the international arena. The student will research and propose solutions taking into account the multi-dimensional aspects of these international challenges.

**PLSC 3383*****The American Foreign Policy Process***

A survey of the contemporary content and the conduct of American foreign policy.

**PLSC 4321*****Basic Issues in American Democracy***

An analysis of current American public policy issues within a theoretical framework. Examines the foundations of concepts and value orientations within which policy considerations are made.

**PLSC 4337*****Civil Rights***

Examines changes wrought in the American system of governance by the addition of the Fourteenth Amendment, particularly its Equal Protection Clause, and the ways the Supreme Court has interpreted and applied it over time. Topics include racial discrimination, sex discrimination and equality in the political process.

**PLSC 4339*****Women and the Law***

The status of women in the American legal system, including an assessment of women defined as a legal category and the impact of increasing numbers of women lawyers, judges and criminals.

**PLSC 4380*****Special Studies in International Relations*****PLSC 4381*****National Security Policy***

The historical background and development of national security policy in the United States. Emphasizes war powers and defense policy; the constitutional framework, precedents, and presidential-congressional authority; and Cole War and post-Cold War national security strategies and defense policy issues.

**RELI 3321*****Religion & The Holocaust***

A study of responses to the Holocaust by Jews and Christians. The course will begin with an overview of the history of the Holocaust as it affected the Jewish communities of Central and Eastern Europe. Students will then read personal memoirs of survivors of ghettos, concentration camps and Nazi Germany. Post-war responses will include questions of faith after the Holocaust, Christian responsibility for modern anti-Semitism, the impact of the Holocaust on the creation of the State of Israel and Middle East politics today; and post-war relations between Jews and Germans.

**SOCI 3305*****Race and Ethnicity in the US***

An interdisciplinary seminar designed to introduce students to the analysis of race and ethnicity in the United States within a global context. Meets Human Diversity co-requirement.

**SOCI 3363*****Crime and Delinquency***

Extent of the problem, causal theories, prevention and public policy.

**SOCI 3370*****Minority-Dominant Relations***

The nature, origins, and consequences of relationships between unequal groups; U.S. and other societies compared.

**SOCI 4360*****Gangs in the United States***

An examination of the history, development and structures of gangs in the US, which incorporates explanatory theories, policy and models for prevention, intervention and suppression of gang activity. Prerequisites: Either SOCI 2300 or 2310, and either SOCI 3311 or 3312.

**SOCI 4363*****Administration of Justice***

Law enforcement and criminal court systems; the ideal of justice and public policy. Prerequisites: Either SOCI 2300 or 2310, and either SOCI 3311 or 3312.

**SOCI 4364*****Correctional Systems***

The history of punishment, adjustments to incarceration, and comparison of prisons for men and women. Constitutional issues of criminal punishment are discussed. Prerequisites: Either SOCI 2300 or 2310, and either SOCI 3311 or 3312.

**SPAN 3313*****Conversation and Composition Latin-American Culture***

Focuses on improving linguistic proficiency within the context of studying Latin American culture. Course content varies; may include Latin American film, music, art, etc. Prerequisites: C- or better in SPAN 2302 or equivalent.

**WGST 3310*****Gender and Human Rights***

Introduction to global women's human rights and other intersections of human rights and gender such as abuse of children's rights, gender-based violence, health and reproductive rights and evolving concepts of sexual rights.