

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 17 (HRST): Clarify that HRST courses can be used for the minor;
Update the list of electives for the HRST minor**

Effective Date: Fall 2022

1. Delete: On page 175, the first paragraph under **Requirements for the Minor:**

The Human Rights Studies minor requires a minimum of 18 semester hours, including one course from HRST 201, INTS 214, PHIL 214 or POLS 388. The additional courses should be chosen from the lists below. No more than two courses can come from any one discipline or prefix. Other appropriate courses with a human rights emphasis may be approved by the program director.

Add: On page 175, in place of deleted entry:

The Human Rights Studies minor requires a minimum of 18 semester hours, including one course from HRST 201, INTS 214, PHIL 214 or POLS 388. The additional courses can be HRST-prefixed courses or chosen from the lists below. With the exception of HRST, no more than two courses can come from any one discipline or prefix. Other appropriate courses with a human rights emphasis may be approved by the program director.

2. Delete: On pages 175-176, the following electives from the Human Rights Studies minor :

Under Human Rights in Global Perspective:
POLS 362 African Politics (4)

Under Human Rights of Marginalized Populations:
POLS 348: Women and Politics (4)

Under the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:
POLS 325: Urban Politics (4)
POLS 353: Politics and Social Welfare Policy (4)

3. **Add:** On page 176, the following new electives to the minor:

Under Human Rights of Marginalized Populations:

POLS 310 The Politics and Policy of Immigration (4)
POLS 317 Latinx Politics in the U.S. (4)
POLS 324 The Politics of Marginalization (4)

Under Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:

POLS 312 Politics of Reparations (4)
POLS 339 Politics and Place (4)

Impact Statement: There should be no negative impact on faculty and students resulting from the proposed changes. Students will see the updated list of elective options with a net-addition of one course. Explicitly stating HRST-prefixed courses are applicable to the minor even if they aren't on the list of electives may alleviate some confusion.

Rationale: The wording change to the elective courses that can be taken is designed to reduce confusion with the addition of HRST 301 to the catalog. Students minoring in HRST will receive credit toward the minor for taking any HRST-prefixed course and can choose from both the list of electives as well as HRST-prefixed courses to complete the hours required for the minor.

The changes to the list of elective options for the HRST minor are necessitated by the course deletions and additions from Political Science. The Political Science department is removing several courses from the catalog that can no longer be offered, as faculty who taught them in the past have retired. The additions are new courses that have been approved by the Human Rights Studies advisory committee as optional electives for the HRST minor.