

General

Program Name

Human Rights Practice

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Plan Code

HRTSBA

Last Admit Term

Spring 2026

Career

Undergraduate

Terminal Degree

No

Research Master's

No

Professional Master's

No

Stackable

No

Associated Plans for Stacking

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Accelerated Master's Program

No

Associated Plans for AMP

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Disestablishment Details

Justification for Disestablishment

The Human Rights Practice BA degree program will be discontinued to address concerns about the low number of majors. It will become a new emphasis entitled "Global Human Rights and Social Movements" within the redesigned Global Studies BA to go into effect Fall 2026. (We anticipate that the redesigned Global Studies BA will be approved by Curricular Affairs in Spring 2026.) The new emphasis will ensure the vitality of Human Rights faculty and course offerings. Note: Since Summer 2024, Human Rights Practice has been housed within the School of Global Studies.

Teach Out Plan

Detailed plan how you will handle current students, if any

Introduction:

The Human Rights Practice BA degree, a fully online degree now housed in the School of Global Studies, will be discontinued to address concerns about the low number of majors. It will become a new emphasis entitled "Global Human Rights and Social Movements" within the redesigned Global Studies

BA that will go into effect Fall 2026. The new emphasis will ensure the vitality of Human Rights Practice faculty and course offerings.

Program Closure Timeline:

The last admit term for the major is Spring 2026. The redesigned Global Studies major will launch in Fall 2026. All current Human Rights Practice majors will have the option to switch to the Global Studies major with a “Global Human Rights and Social Movements” emphasis or complete their Human Rights Practice major. The Human Rights Practice BA degree program will remain active so that students in the program can finish. After 8 years, Curricular Affairs will change the status of the BA to “inactive.”

Student Support:

Advisors have been notified of the disestablishment and will work with students on an individual basis during the transition. Global Studies academic advisor Megan Denney will send an Email to Human Rights Practice majors in August 2026 to make them aware of the option to switch to a Global Studies major. She will meet with students to offer support. The Human Rights Practice BA disestablishment should have no effect on student scholarships or financial aid.

Note: As of Spring 2026, there are 22 students in the Human Rights Practice major (14 active and 8 inactive). All are Arizona Online students.

Curriculum Transition:

Most HRTS-prefix courses will continue to be offered. HRTS 498 Human Rights B.A. Capstone Project, however, will not be offered after Spring 2026. Students who elect to switch to the Global Studies: Global Human Rights and Social Movements emphasis and those who continue as Human Rights Practice majors will take GLS 498 Senior Capstone. Advisors may substitute HRTS 499 Human Rights Practice Independent Study for GLS 498 on a case-by-case basis for Human Rights Practice majors. HRTS 200: Introduction to Human Rights and HRTS 250: Current Issues in Human Rights will be added to Global Studies Core II curriculum. All other HRTS electives will either still be offered as part of the Global Studies: Global Human Rights and Social Movements emphasis or advisors will find appropriate substitutions. A new course list for the Global Studies: Global Human Rights and Social Movements emphasis was created as part of the Global Studies BA Substantial Change Request form submitted to Curricular Affairs in December 2025.

Faculty and Staff Transition:

Human Rights Practice faculty will continue teaching courses in the Global Studies: Global Human Rights and Social Movements emphasis and Human Rights Practice minor. Some Human Rights Practice faculty may create and teach new Global Studies Core II courses in the future. Human Rights Practice faculty will also be incorporated into the teaching rotation for the following Global Studies courses: GLS 250 Dimensions of Globalization: States, Societies, and Institutions, GLS 251 Dimensions of Globalization: Language, Literature, and Culture, and GLS 498: Senior Capstone.

Some service responsibilities may shift. One Human Rights Practice faculty member will continue to serve on the School of Global Studies Undergraduate Studies Committee. However, beginning Fall 2026, Human Rights Practice will not have a Director of Undergraduate Studies service position. (There will be one DUS at the School of Global Studies level.) Rather, a Human Rights Practice faculty member will serve as “curricular lead” for the emphasis. This person will work with the Human Rights Practice program director and academic affairs coordinator to update and follow 2-year curricular plans and faculty teaching assignments, schedule HRTS emphasis courses each semester, and manage any new course adds and modifications in the new emphasis.

The discontinuation of the Human Rights Practice BA degree program will not affect Global Studies staff.

Communication Plan:

Megan Denney, Global Studies academic advisor, will send an Email to Human Rights Practice majors in August 2026 to notify them of the option to switch to a Global Studies major with a “Global Human Rights and Social Movements” emphasis or continue with the Human Rights Practice major.

Email script: “The University of Arizona is excited to launch a new Global Studies major with a Global Human Rights and Social Movements emphasis starting in the Fall 2026 term. The Human Rights Practice major will no longer be accepting new students. As a current Human Rights Practice major, I wanted to reach out to let you know your options. You may continue your Human Rights Practice degree or you may switch to the new Global Studies major with a Global Human Rights and Social Movements emphasis. [Add link to emphasis web page.] Please let me know which option you would like to take. I am happy to meet with you to discuss your options and plan starting Fall 2026.”

The Human Rights Practice BA degree web pages will remain up and available as long as there are active, enrolled students in the major. However, in August 2026, the following message will be added to the website: “No new students for the JUS BA degree are being admitted as of Fall 2026. This degree is now being offered as Global Studies:Global Human Rights and Social Movements. [LINK to Human Rights Practice emphasis web page].”

As soon as the reconfigured Global Studies major is approved, we will update the Global Studies web page to include information about the Global Human Rights and Social Movements emphasis. The following message will be included on the web page: “Available starting August 2026.”

Compliance and Reporting: N/A

Timeline of Teach-Out Events

--Spring 2026 (End of May) - No longer admit students to Human Rights Practice major. If a student wants to declare over summer, advisors will recommend that they wait until the new Global Studies:Global Human Rights and Social Movements emphasis starts accepting students in Fall 2026.

- Spring 2026 (February-April) - Work with SBS marketing to write descriptions and other content for each new emphasis, to be shared on relevant University of Arizona web pages and marketing materials.
- Spring 2026 (May)- As soon as the new Global Studies BA major is approved by Curricular Affairs, update the School of Global Studies website to include a description and courses for the Global Human Rights and Social Movements emphasis. Include message on emphasis web page: "Available August 2026 and after"
- Fall 2026 (August) - Add message to Human Rights Practice BA degree website. "No new students are being admitted for the Human Rights Practice BA degree. This degree is now being offered as Global Studies: Global Human Rights and Social Movements. [LINK]."
- Fall 2026 (August) - Megan Denney, Global Studies advisor, will notify Human Rights Practice majors of the new Global Studies: Global Human Rights and Social Movements major via Email.
- Fall 2026 - Advisor will move Human Rights Practice students to the Global Studies major as needed.

Catalog Display Notifications

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Campus and Location Offerings

Campuses

Campus	Sub Plan Required
Arizona Online	No
Locations	
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Emphases/Subplans

Subplan Campus & Locations

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Dependencies