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POLSC 643

# GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS

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This course focuses on the social scientific study of human rights. We will examine explanations of the rise of the human rights movement, political and economic explanations for human rights practices, the role of international institutions and treaties, and the effects of advocacy efforts concerning human rights. After this class, you will not only have an understanding of the major players and factors influencing human rights, but a base understanding of the social scientific processes which govern human rights conditions and improvements. You will better understand why governments torture, kill, disappear, and imprison their citizens. In addition, we will examine questions related to women's rights and other groups that are often vulnerable to human rights violations.

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