Welcome to Arizona State University’s Master of Arts program in Social Justice and Human Rights (Online). The online MA program in Social Justice and Human Rights involves coursework that is theoretically and methodologically challenging. The program focuses on three major pathways: migration/asylum seeking, gender-based violence and sex trafficking, and international law and organizations. Students learn to research and advocate for practices of social justice and human rights in contexts defined by multiple and intersecting dimensions of social identity and disadvantage, including gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality and nationality.

The program requires a successful completion of a capstone course and students have pathway requirements that cover a broad range of topics to prepare them to work in various settings.

This program adds a focus on experiential knowledge and applied fieldwork informed by normative theories and critical theoretical analyses of the dilemmas of vulnerable people and survivors of trauma around the world. The program addresses vulnerability of survivors of gender-based violence, forced migrants, and/or other people subjected to injustice and human rights violations. Online degree specifically for practitioners offering social justice and human rights solutions rooted in normative and critical theories.

Arizona State University comprises sixteen colleges and schools spread across four campuses in the Phoenix, Arizona metropolitan area. The online MA program in Social Justice and Human Rights is offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, which is part of the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, and is housed on ASU’s West Campus in Phoenix, AZ.

If you have any questions about our Online MA Social Justice and Human Rights program, feel free to contact ncgradonline@asu.edu.
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Admissions
Admission to the online MA Social Justice and Human Rights program is offered for the Fall Semester – Session A (August), Spring Semester – Session A (January), and Summer Semester – Session A (May).

You can visit the program website for more information related to application and admission requirements.

Application Deadlines
For information related to application and admission deadlines, please review this chart.

Tuition Costs and Financial Aid
Tuition is set by ASU and the Arizona Board of Regents every year. The most up to date tuition and fees are available by clicking here. You can use the interactive calculator on the site to determine information regarding your cost of attendance.
Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

Curriculum Checklists

For curriculum checklists for your start term, please visit this [website](#).

General Curriculum

**Required Courses (15 credits):**
- JHR 500 Research Methods
- JHR 501 Pro-Seminar in Social Justice and Human Rights
- JHR 506 Grant Writing for Social Justice and Human Rights
- JHR 510 Problem-Based Seminar in Social Justice and Human Rights
- JHR 525 Action Research in Social Justice and Human Rights

**Pathway Requirements (9 credits):**
- JHR 598 Migration, Asylum, and Refugees
- JHR 598 Gender-Based Violence and Sex-Trafficking
- JHR 598 International Law and Organizations

**Elective Courses OR JHR 511 (6 credits)**
Elective courses are offered on a rotating basis by the MA Social Justice and Human Rights program faculty. The following will be offered for incoming students in Spring 2020 and Summer 2020.
- JHR 598 Critical Humanitarianism
- JHR 598 Global Justice

**Culminating Experience (3 credits)**
Students admitted will complete a required capstone experience course (JHR 549) and must pass with a grade of a “B”, or higher, to graduate. This culminating experience must be completed during a student’s last semester of study. Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible to enroll in and complete the JHR 549 course.

1) Up to date iPOS on file
2) Graduate GPA, Cumulative GPA, iPOS GPA must all be at 3.00
Capstone Course

Course Overview
This course constitutes the required culminating experience of the Master of Arts Program in Social Justice and Human Rights. The class involves developing a culminating project individually defined by each student. The capstone course allows each student to develop a project that enhances, expands, advocates, or disseminates practices of social justice and/or human rights locally, globally, or transnationally. Final products will be developed individually based on consultation with faculty.

Course Structure
This 3-credit course is structured around students’ interests and engagement with graduate level social justice and human rights theories, themes, concepts, and practices. Sample capstone projects could include production of a short documentary film, design of a training program for non-profit volunteers, evaluation of an existing organization’s human rights practices, creation of a performance advocating social justice and human rights, organization and conduct of an expert panel on gender-based issues, analyze a health campaign, conduct a small research project, or similar applied research activities. All projects will include a written paper product documenting the project. Projects should build on core theories, ideas, and practices addressed in the Master of Arts in Social Justice and Human Rights program and demonstrate core analytic, research, and practice skills. Each week students are required to complete all assignments, discussion board posts, and responses to classmates’ discussion board posts.

Program of Study
After completion of 50% of the credit hours needed to complete this degree you will be required to submit an online interactive Program of Study (iPOS). The iPOS is a list of courses that you have taken and will take to satisfy all degree requirements to earn your MA Social Justice and Human Rights degree. The iPOS is submitted online via MyASU. For support filing your iPOS, please visit here. After you submit your iPOS, the Graduate Advisor and Program Director will review the courses. You can track the approval process online through your MyASU account. If you need to make changes after the iPOS is submitted and approved, it can be modified at any time.

When we evaluate your iPOS, we will look to see that you have met the program requirements listed in the advising check sheet (page 7).

Please list Dr. Tricia Redeker-Hepner as the program director and check to ensure all coursework is included.
Advising and Student Success

Students are responsible for keeping track of their academic progress and making decisions with regard to which classes to take. However, we do have a dedicated Graduate Academic Advisors who are available to answer questions and to help you achieve your academic goals.

We have established an advising website that provides information about course offerings, policies, and additional resources for online students. To access this website please click here.

If you have questions after reviewing this handbook, the ASU Graduate College Policies and Procedures, and the advising website, please reach out to our team at ncgradonline@asu.edu.

Course Selection & Registration

It is recommended that you keep a copy of the advising check list available on the advising website easily accessible and review it as you register for courses each semester.

The MA Social Justice and Human Rights program is a cohort-based program. Students are required to take the courses in the sequence outlined at the time of admission.

There is a required course sequence available on the advising website.

Each semester you will register for classes electronically via MyASU. You can view the schedule of classes online here. To find out when classes are available and when you must register please visit the ASU Academic Calendar.

Graduate students are required to maintain continuous enrollment. This means that you must be enrolled in a minimum of one credit hour of graduate level coursework each fall and spring semester. Read the full policy on page 11 of the Graduate College Policy Manual.

University Resources

There are a number of resources available in the program and through the university.

New College/West Campus - Academic
- Fletcher Library
- Graduate Writing Center – in-person (all campuses) and online writing assistance and tutoring
- Career & Professional Development Services – resource for finding jobs and internships, career advising, and more; online services available

School of Social & Behavioral Sciences
- SAM Lab – resource for receiving assistance for statistics and methodology courses and research; in-person (West campus), online, and phone appointments available
University Services
- Student support services (e.g., International Student Services, Health, Counseling, Disability Resources, Veterans).
- Business and Finance services (e.g., parking and transit, student accounts, ID cards).
- Contact information (e.g., Provost’s Office, Graduate College, IT Help Office, emergency services).
- Graduate Wellness Resources
- 10 Best Practices in Graduate Student Well-Being

ASU Library
- ASU Library now has an online tutorial version of "Library 501: What Grad Students Need to Know about the Library" workshop available for online students and anyone else for whom it might be useful. The Library 501 tutorial can be found on our tutorials page: https://lib.asu.edu/tutorials or at bit.ly/Library501Tutorial
- Student can see the full slate of workshop offerings here: libguides.asu.edu/grad/workshops
- Resources for ASU Online students through the ASU Library are available here.

360 Life Services
- ASU Online students have access to a resource called 360 Life Services. This resource gives students access to experts who can answer financial questions, provide legal advice, offer clinical or personal care, and provide career advice 24/7. You can find this resource by clicking on the following link: https://goto.asuonline.asu.edu/360lifeservices/
ASU Graduate College Policies

Being a part of ASU means that all students, regardless of program, are held to the same high standards of academic integrity and excellence. It is important that all students familiarize themselves with these policies; these policies are outlined at the following website: https://graduate.asu.edu/current-students/policies-forms-and-deadlines.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

All graduate students are expected to make systematic progress toward completion of their degree. Students are responsible for verifying and tracking satisfactory progress policies as required by their degree program and the Graduate College. If a student fails to satisfy the requirements, the student may be dismissed from his/her program based on the academic unit’s recommendation to the Graduate College. These policies are detailed on the university’s Graduate College’s website: https://graduate.asu.edu/current-students/policies-forms-and-deadlines.

The MA Social Justice and Human Rights Program also follows the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. The current policy can be found at: https://newcollege.asu.edu/sites/default/files/advising/documents/nc-satisfactoryacademicprogresspolicy_fall_2019_0.pdf

Student Code of Conduct

All students are expected to adhere to the Arizona Board of Regents Student Code of Conduct and university policies and procedures: https://eoss.asu.edu/dos/srr/codeofconduct

Students are expected to regularly check their ASU email accounts for messages from the university and New College. Students also are expected to regularly check their MyASU priority tasks for messages and holds from the university. Students are responsible for managing their tuition payments, finances and tracking university academic calendar deadlines.

Academic Integrity

New College and the MA Social Justice and Human Rights program has a zero-tolerance policy toward academic dishonesty that is enforced within every course and educational activity offered or sanctioned by the school. Any allegation of academic dishonesty will be referred to the school’s Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for review and recommendation to the Dean of the school. If any student is found to have engaged in academic dishonesty in any form – including but not limited to cheating, plagiarizing and fabricating – that student shall receive a grade of XE for the class and will be dismissed from the school. There will be no exceptions. Please refer to the University’s Academic Integrity Policy for the full policy.

International students who violate academic integrity policies may be dismissed immediately. Being withdrawn from a degree program can have immediate consequences regarding visa status, and dismissed students are required to leave the country immediately per immigration and visa rules.
At the beginning of every MA Social Justice and Human Rights class, each student will be given a copy of the full academic integrity policy, along with accompanying information on plagiarism in their course syllabus. More detailed guidance on how to avoid plagiarism and fabrication, can be found at: https://ori.hhs.gov/avoiding-plagiarism-self-plagiarism-and-other-questionable-writing-practices-guide-ethical-writing

Professional Ethics

In addition to academic integrity commitments, students in the MA Social Justice and Human Rights program must abide by the highest levels of ethics. This includes following the core principles of the APA Code of Ethics, including conducting research ethically and independently, privacy and confidentiality, and record keeping.

MyASU Portal

On your MyASU portal you will find information about your courses, transcripts, transportation, student success and support, finances, university policies and the academic calendar. Please take time to familiarize yourself with these areas:

Profile: Update your address, phone number, email information, or add guests, such as a parent, so they can look FERPA-protected information including grades.

My Classes: Click on the name of each course to access the corresponding Blackboard content. This is where you will see the syllabus, find links to readings and submit assignments. Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the structure of each course.

Final Transcript: If you sent in a transcript for admission to the program before you graduated, send your final transcript with your degree posted.

Academic Integrity Module: ASU Graduate College module reviewing academic integrity expectations. Please complete as soon as possible. Please note, this module explains the university-wide policy. The New College academic integrity policy includes additions specific to our students. Please be familiar with both policies.

Academic Calendar (bottom right box): This has important dates you need to monitor, including when classes begin, last day to register or drop/add classes, tuition and fee payment deadlines, holidays, withdrawal deadlines, schedule of classes available and when to enroll.

Campus Services: This includes Health and Wellness Resources, such as health insurance, counseling, disability services; Transportation, such as parking permits, METRO Light Rail, U- Pass and campus shuttles; Student Success and Support, such as disability services, tutoring and student success centers; and Job & Career Services. Please note these job resources are university-wide and not specific to the MA in Social Justice and Human Rights program.
Funding for Travel and Research

Some online students may have the opportunity to present research at national and international academic conferences. Additionally, you may be able to apply funds towards travel expenses for doctoral program interviews. As with the other funding requests, the Program Director must approve this request. Please email Dr. Tricia Redeker-Hepner at Tricia.M.Redeker-Hepner@asu.edu for approval.