



Honors Integrated Minor in Human Rights and Resources:

Mexico OVERVIEW

Honors Integrated Minors provide a structured pathway to completing the Honors Degree, built around a common theme and shared with a cohort of peers. Students from any major may earn the minor by taking a total of six courses in the humanities, social sciences, arts, and natural sciences over consecutive semesters. Students who successfully complete the Minor will have completed the majority of the requirements for the Honors Degree.

All of the Honors Integrated Minors offer unique field and service opportunities connected to coursework. The Integrated Minor in Human Rights and Resources focuses on topics surrounding the variable distribution of energy, land, labor, and cultural resources, both within and beyond the traditional language of human rights.

The Minor includes two distinct tracks: Utah and Mexico. The Mexico version of the minor includes 5 weeks of coursework and language instruction in Mexico City and Oaxaca during the summer of 2023. The Utah version of the minor includes an intensive field experience during Fall Break 2022 to locations such as Bears Ears, the west side of Salt Lake City valley, and the Navajo Nation.

The training and experiences gained by students who complete the minor will help prepare them to make unique contributions in their chosen professional fields. For students pursuing careers in the sciences, the minor will allow them to place their disciplinary expertise in larger humanistic frameworks. For students whose career paths lie outside of the sciences, the minor offers an opportunity to think about pressing global issues in the context of specific forms of disciplinary knowledge, including those drawn from the STEM-affiliated fields.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

A central goal of the Integrated Minor in Human Rights and Resources is to help students develop their ability to think in interdisciplinary ways about the inequitable distribution of critical resources. Coursework in the humanities and the social and natural sciences allows students to develop a more nuanced understanding of how material and cultural resources are both limited and variably distributed—a crucial first step toward action that promotes greater equity in resource development and use.

Students who complete the minor will:

- 1) Have a richer historical understanding of the ongoing relationship between human rights and the variable distribution and allocation of resources;
- 2) Be able to explain how resource development, use, and impacts are influenced by both physical and cultural factors;

- 3) Be able to articulate the interdependencies that exist between diverse forms of resources, ranging from the natural (parks, clean water, air) to the corporeal (labor, reproduction) and cultural (storytelling, access to government and education);
- 4) Gain familiarity in the use of quantitative models to understand the nature, limits, and impact of energy resources and their use;
- 5) Be prepared to be part of interdisciplinary solutions that address limited and uneven resource distribution;
- 6) Exhibit interpersonal communication skills that demonstrate respect and appreciation for other perspectives and cultures;
- 7) Engage in authentic self-reflection on their own positions as users and creators of resources.

CURRICULUM FOR THE MEXICO TRACK

Curriculum overview for students admitted in Fall 2022.

Spring 2023				
HONOR 2820	IT: Indigenous Ways of Knowing (Mexico-focused)	TBD	HF	3.0
HONOR 2285	Energy	TBD	SF	3.0

Summer 2023 (Oaxaca/Mexico City) (5 weeks)				
HONOR 2810	Intellectual Traditions: Cross Cultural/Latin America	TBD	HF	3.0
HONOR XXXX	Language Immersion	TBD	IR	2.0

Fall 2023				
HONOR 3200	Honors Research Writing	TBD	CW	3.0
CLAC	Cultures and Languages across the Curriculum	TBD		1.0

FREE SEMESTER				
_____	Pre-approved elective (from any department) of student's choosing	_____		3.0