

# International Human Rights Exchange (IHRE) 2010

## Occasional Student Application Instructions

Please return to Bard IILE before March 25, 2010.

University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) requires that all visiting students complete the attached application.

### **Course Selection**

This application requires that you select your IHRE courses. The courses you write down on this application **WILL be the courses for which you are registered**, so we ask that you take time to think through your choices. If you have any questions or concerns about course selection or would like someone to advise you regarding your particular situation, please do not hesitate to contact us at [ihre@bard.edu](mailto:ihre@bard.edu).

The IHRE timetable and list of course numbers can be found attached to these instructions as Appendix A.

You can also find sample syllabi for each course on the IHRE website at the following link: <http://ihre.org/academics/curriculum.shtml> However, please keep in mind that syllabi are still being finalized for this year's program and may not cover exactly the same material or be taught by the same professor.

Other important things to keep in mind when making your course selections:

- 1) The semester at Wits is divided into two separate halves called "blocks." You will be studying at Wits during Blocks 3 and 4. Certain IHRE courses will span both blocks (the equivalent of a semester-long course). This includes the core course, the core seminar and several electives. Semester-long courses are worth four (4) credits each. Some electives will be offered **ONLY** in Block 3 or Block 4. These are half-semester courses worth two (2) credits each.
- 2) You should plan to take a total of sixteen (16) credit hours.
- 3) You **MUST** register for the core course, *Human Rights: Perspectives from the Disciplines*. The core course is required for all students enrolled in the IHRE program. This course is a semester-long course spanning both Blocks 3 and 4 and is worth a total of four (4) credits. The course code for the core course is: **LAWS2012**
- 4) If you are intending to do the IHRE internship (which is highly encouraged by both Bard and Wits) you **MUST** enroll in the core seminar called *Engagement with Human Rights*. You cannot undertake the internship without enrolling in the core seminar. The core seminar is a semester-long course spanning both Blocks 3 and 4 and is worth a total of four (4) credits. The course code for the core seminar is: **SOSS2003**

- 5) In general, we advise that you take no more than four courses per block. When planning your schedule keep in mind that some electives are semester-long and worth four (4) credits and other electives are half-semester long and worth only two (2) credits).

**Important:** Please check with your home institution to ensure that they will accept credit earned for two (2) credit courses. If so, you can only enroll in semester-long electives worth four (4 credits).

- 6) Since most students from North American institutions take the core seminar / internship, the most common course load combinations are as follows:

- A) Core course (4 credits)  
Core seminar (4 credits)  
Semester-long elective (4 credits)  
Semester-long elective (4 credits)

**Note:** If your school will not allow you to take a course that is two (2) credits then this combination is your only option.

- B) Core course (4 credits)  
Core seminar (4 credits)  
Semester-long elective (4 credits)  
Block 3 elective (2 credits)  
Block 4 elective (2 credits)

- C) Core course (4 credits)  
Core seminar (4 credits)  
Block 3 elective (2 credits)  
Block 3 electives (2 credits)  
Block 4 elective (2 credits)  
Block 4 elective (2 credits)

- 7) The following electives are not being offered in 2010:

- Gender and Human Rights
- Islam and Human Rights

- 8) Students may also choose to take one course outside of the IHRE program as a regular course at Wits. This includes enrolling in any first-year course offering in the Humanities (please see Wits website for options: <http://web.wits.ac.za/>) or may choose from among a number of approved 2nd and 3rd level courses (this is a more common option among IHRE students). Please see Appendix B for a list of approved 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses. The substitute Wits course should be semester-long and count as 4 credits.

**Important Note:** Please be advised that there is a HUGE difference between IHRE classes and regular Wits classes. Regular Wits classes are more typically large, lecture-styles classes (think 100+ students) while most IHRE classes are run in a seminar-style format with classes sizes averaging about 15-20 students per class.

### **Some Additional Items to Note While Completing the Application:**

- You are enrolling in one semester of study (bottom of page 1).
- You are enrolling in the African spring semester which starts in mid-July and runs through mid-November (bottom of page 1).
- Course codes for page 1 can be found on the course timetable attached to this document as Appendix A. Course codes for approved regular Wits courses can be found in Appendix B
- In South Africa, all students **under the age of 21** must have their parent and/or guardian initial this document (bottom of page 2) and sign the Legal Declaration of Indemnity (bottom of page 3).
- PLEASE NOTE: The parent/guardian who initials page 2 must be the same guardian who signs the Legal Declaration of Indemnity on page 3.
- IILE will forward Wits the transcript from your IHRE application and will also provide an application cover letter.
- You must include a photo.
- Space to write course selection is lacking on the application. Simply attach an additional sheet with courses that do not fit onto the application.

## APPENDIX A

### Timetable for IHRE Classes

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Time	08:00 - 08:45	09:00 - 09:45	10:15 - 11:00	11:15 - 12:00	12:30 - 13:15	14:15 - 15:00	15:15 - 16:00	16:15 - 17:00	17:15 - 18:00
Mon	<b>A</b> PHIL2014(3) SLLS2007(4)	<b>A</b> PHIL2014(3) SLLS2007(4)	<b>E</b> DRAA2015	<b>E</b> DRAA2015	<b>D</b> SOSS2003	<b>C</b> WSOA2004(3) ANTH2006(4)	<b>C</b> WSOA2004(3) ANTH2006(4)	<b>C</b> WSOA2004(3) ANTH2006(4)	<b>C</b>
Tue	<b>B</b> ECON2009(3) SOCW2003(4)	<b>B</b> ECON2009(3) SOCW2003(4)	<b>A</b> PHIL2014(3) SLLS2007(4)	<b>A</b> PHIL2014(3) SLLS2007(4)	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b> POLS2015	<b>D</b> POLS2015	<b>D</b> POLS2015	<b>D</b>
Wed	<b>C</b> SOSS2004	<b>C</b> SOSS2004	<b>B</b> ECON2009(3) SOCW2003(4)	<b>B</b> ECON2009(3) SOCW2003(4)	<b>A</b>	<b>E</b> DRAA2015	<b>E</b> DRAA2015	<b>E</b> LAWS2012	<b>E</b> LAWS2012
Thu	<b>D</b> SOSS2003	<b>D</b> SOSS2003	<b>C</b> SOSS2004	<b>C</b> SOSS2004	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b> INTR2006	<b>A</b> INTR2006	<b>A</b> INTR2006	<b>A</b>
Fri	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>

#### Semester courses

LAWS2012-Human Rights: Perspectives from the Disciplines (E)  
SOSS2003-Engagement with Human Rights (D)

SOSS2004-Migration, Community and Human Rights (C)  
INTR2006-State Sovereignty and Int. Human Rights Regime (A)  
POLS2015-Human Rights and Political Studies (D)  
DRAA2015-Theater for Human Rights (E)

#### Block 3 electives

ECON2009-Development, Welfare Economics and Human Rights (B)  
WSOA2004-Human Rights and the Media (C)  
PHIL2014-Philosophy of Human Rights (A)

#### Block 4 electives

SLLS2007-African Literature and Human Rights (A)  
ANTH2006-Culture and Human Rights (C)  
SOCW2003-Psychosocial Perspectives on Human Rights (B)

**APPENDIX B**  
Approved Wits Offerings for IHRE

<b>Level 2 Courses</b>	<b>Prerequisite(s)</b>
POLS 2012 South Africa: Politics & Governance	Any first year Politics background
POLS 2002 Feminist Theory & Politics	Any first year Politics background
PHIL 2005 Philosophy of Mind and Psychology	None – any student beyond 1 <sup>st</sup> year
HIST 2007 Race, Class and Nation in Modern South Africa	Any first year History or other relevant background

<b>Level 3 Courses</b>	<b>Prerequisite(s)</b>
TRAN 300 Translation Methods and Practice	Proficiency in English (which need not be mother tongue) and one other language.
POLS 3003 Development Concepts and Experience	Open only to students majoring in Political Studies or Development Studies who have completed at least two years of this major, with at least one year of Politics in the case of Development Studies major.
POLS 3008 Political Sociology	Open only to students majoring in Political Studies or Sociology who have completed at least two years of this major, with at least one year of Politics in the case of Sociology major
HIST 3008 and 3009 (2 X block courses) The Making of Modern South Africa IIIA and IIIB	Open to History majors. May be open to others on application.
HIST 3004 History of the African City	Open only to students majoring in History or Urban Studies who have completed at least two years of this major
PHIL 3003 History of Philosophy (Kant)	Open only to students majoring in Philosophy who have completed at least two years of this major
PHIL 3001 Epistemology and Metaphysics	Open only to students majoring in Philosophy who have completed at least two years of this major