How do I get more information and apply to the program?

More information, including the current list of approved courses, is available on the web at: www.bc.edu/humanrights/academics/certificate

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but early application is recommended.

All interested students are strongly encouraged to meet with Center Assistant Director Timothy Karcz to discuss the program before applying. He may be contacted at timothy.karcz@bc.edu.
Since 2007, the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College has offered an interdisciplinary Certificate in Human Rights and International Justice to students in BC’s graduate and professional schools.

The certificate program is designed to address the increasing complexity of human rights issues in an increasingly globalized world. Certificate students learn to think across disciplines to grasp more fully modern human rights challenges, and to be better prepared to offer thoughtful and effective responses.

The certificate program is open to students from all of BC’s graduate and professional schools and has been attained by the students in the following schools:

- Lynch School of Education
- Law School
- School of Theology and Ministry
- Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Social Work

What do certificate recipients go on to do?

Certificate recipients have gone on to do a wide array of human rights-related work, including the following:

- Attorney defending the rights of immigrants in courts
- Professor of psychology researching experiences of transnational and mixed-status migrant families throughout the U.S.
- Program officer for faith-based NGO organizing university students to advocate for the world’s poorest people and for action on climate change
- Community organizer providing legal relief and advocacy for refugee families and children

What are the requirements to complete the interdisciplinary certificate?

To earn the certificate, the student must complete the following:

- Three courses from the Center’s approved course list—two being courses within the student’s academic discipline, and one course from outside the student’s discipline; and
- The Center’s Interdisciplinary Seminar in Human Rights and International Justice, offered every spring semester.