


Master of Human Rights Law & Policy

Faculty of Law





“Whatever career you may choose for yourself - doctor, lawyer, teacher - let me propose an avocation to be pursued along with it. Become a dedicated fighter for civil rights. Make it a central part of your life. It will make you a better doctor, a better lawyer, a better teacher. It will enrich your spirit as nothing else possibly can.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Human rights law is a system of international and domestic laws designed to protect and promote rights and freedoms which have been identified as essential to human dignity. Human rights norms purport to set standards in a broad range of areas, including political, civil, social, economic and cultural rights, the distribution of socio-economic resources and the status of particular social groups, including women.

Yet these standards will not be achieved without a continued demand by informed human rights professionals. Although human rights are universal and the entitlement of everyone, regardless of status, race, gender, nationality or other distinction, too often they are imperfectly understood and poorly observed.

In recent decades, there has been a great expansion in thinking about and applying human rights concepts and standards, including in Australia and our region. The development of human rights law has altered the ways in which nation states, governments, individuals and groups interact at the international, regional and domestic levels.

The aim of this degree program is to train and support future professionals and scholars as leaders in the exciting, dynamic and expanding field of international human rights law and policy.

Who should enrol?

The Master of Human Rights Law & Policy degree will particularly benefit those working in:

- domestic human rights organisations, regional and international human rights, United Nations agencies
- the public sector, in fields such as international relations, international development, humanitarian aid, civilian peacekeeping, migration, foreign affairs, international social welfare
- NGOs, in rights and social justice research and advocacy
- the business sector, in international finance, transnational corporations, in corporate social responsibility, labour policy, development economics
- law and justice, law reform, international tribunals and the International Criminal Court
- legal practice with a human rights focus, international advocacy
- related areas, such as medicine, the media, education, security



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Master of Human Rights Law & Policy

48 units of credit

Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law & Policy

36 units of credit

How is the program offered?

The program may be taken full time in 2 semesters (1 year) or part time in a minimum of 3 semesters.

Courses

Compulsory course

- International Human Rights
- Legal Systems, Research & Writing*

Elective courses

- Aspects of International Governance (4 uoc)
- Australian Charters of Rights in International & Comparative Perspective
- Comparative Criminal Justice
- Contemporary Issues in International & Domestic Indigenous Law & Policy
- European Human Rights Law & Institutions
- Human Rights in Asia
- Indigenous Peoples in International Law
- International Aspects of Social Justice
- International Criminal Law
- International Law of Equality and Discrimination
- International Refugee Law
- Issues in Discrimination Law (4 uoc)
- Law of Armed Conflict
- Law, Rights & Development
- Native Title Law, Policy & Practice
- Principles of International Law
- Research Project (2 uoc)
- Research Thesis (16/8/4 uoc)
- Transnational Business & Human Rights

Non-Law courses

Up to two non-Law courses offered at UNSW may be taken, with the approval of the Program Director/s and the Coordinator of Postgraduate Education.

*Compulsory course for those with an undergraduate degree in a discipline other than Law. All courses are 8 units of credit (uoc) unless indicated otherwise.

How to Apply

Apply online at www.apply.unsw.edu.au

Students can commence study in either Semester 1 or Semester 2.

To Commence	Applications Due
Semester 1, 2009	End of November 2008
Semester 2, 2009	End of May 2009

Late applications may be accepted, subject to availability of places.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Candidates should have an undergraduate degree in law, the social sciences or humanities with a credit average (65%) or higher. Work experience will be taken into consideration where a candidate can demonstrate extensive experience in the area of expertise.

Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law & Policy

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Single Course Enrolment

Some students want to study just a particular course or 'test the water' before enrolling in a full degree program. We offer enrolment on a single course, non-award basis, with the option to credit courses towards a future degree program. Please apply by completing the form available at www.law.unsw.edu.au/singlecourse

Fees

In 2009 the fee for Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents will be \$350 per uoc for Law courses. For other course fees please visit <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/fees/FeesmainPage.html>

Classes

Courses are taught in a variety of formats, including weekly evening classes (usually from 6–8pm over a 12 week semester) and intensive classes (taught over a 4–5 day period). Weekly classes are held at the UNSW Sydney CBD Campus (1 O'Connell Street), at city law firms, or at UNSW's Kensington campus. Intensive classes are usually held at UNSW's Kensington campus.

Other Postgraduate Programs

The School of Law also offers the following programs:

- Master of Laws
- Master of International Law & International Relations
- Master of Law & Management
- Master of Legal Studies
- Master of Laws by Research
- Doctor of Juridical Science
- Doctor of Philosophy

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