

LLM IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

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Program Overview:

The Program in International Human Rights Law is designed for students with American JDs or law degrees from other countries who wish to undertake an in-depth study of international human rights law and international criminal law, and their implementation by international courts and organizations as well as domestic legal systems. The program provides an excellent grounding in international human rights law and international criminal law for individuals with career interests in the field.

The structure of the program affords unique advantages for educational and social interaction. LLM IHR Students participate with other LLM students in small group seminars, and join JD students in the program's core and elective courses. In addition, the program encourages international students to study not only relevant law, but its application to the circumstances of their home countries.

Degree Requirements:

Course	Title
Required Courses (5 courses / 11 credits)	
CONPUB 694	International Human Rights Law
CONPUB 695	International Criminal Law
CONPUB 703	Colloquium: International Human Rights (two semesters required)
LAWSTUDY 910 or LAWSTUDY 912	Common Law Reasoning Human Rights Advocacy: Legal Analysis and Writing
Elective Courses (9 credits)	
<i>Select from the following:</i> ²	
CONPUB 682	Women, Gender and Human Rights
CONPUB 698	Refugees and Asylum
CONPUB 702	International HR Law: Differing Perspectives, Europe, the Americas, US
CONPUB 706	International Law: the Law of War
CONPUB 707	Business and Human Rights
CONPUB 735	Human Trafficking
LAWSTUDY 629	Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal Research
LAWSTUDY 990	Graduate Research (Permission only)
LITARB 605I	Introduction to Trial Advocacy (International Track)
LITARB 714	Clinic: International Human Rights Advocacy
PPTYTORT 660	International Environmental Law
PPTYTORT 693	Health and Human Rights
Minimum Credits Required: 20 ³	

¹ This requirement will be waived for US lawyers. Lawyers trained in common law countries may request a waiver from the program director. Waived credits must be replaced with an equal number of elective credits.

² Students who wish to take a relevant law course not on this list may request approval from the program director to enroll and count the credit toward the IHR elective requirement.

³ Students may seek approval from the program director to complete more than 20 credits.