MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS
2018–2020
Turku / Åbo, Finland

The Master’s Degree Programme
The Master’s Degree Programme in International Law and Human Rights is designed to prepare its graduates for challenging careers in international and non-governmental organizations and public administration, in the field of international human rights law or another field of public international law. It will also provide the requisite background for advanced research in human rights or public international law. The study programme allows for individual, tailor-made specialisation profiles depending on the choice of courses. Successful completion of this two-year full-time programme results in the award of a Master of Social Sciences (M. Soc. Sc.) degree.

Structure of the Programme
The programme consists of (a) compulsory international and human rights law courses including a research seminar and a master’s thesis, and (b) elective studies. Students can choose to deepen their knowledge in particular areas, such as international human rights law, migration and refugee law, international law and conflicts, and general studies in public international law. Elective studies may include courses offered by other subjects than public international law at Åbo Akademi University, courses within the Turku Law School cooperation between Åbo Akademi University and the University of Turku, as well as courses offered by Finnish, Nordic and international partner universities. Students are encouraged to do an internship. Relevant internships can be included as elective studies.

Admission
The programme is open to those holding a law degree or another bachelor’s degree with at least 45 ECTS credits in law or other relevant subject(s). Sufficient knowledge of English language is also required. Admission granted on basis of the application. Comprehensive details on the application and admission procedure can be obtained at: www.abo.fi/ansok/en/master

The Institute for Human Rights
The programme is offered by the Institute for Human Rights and the Chair of Public International Law within the Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics at Åbo Akademi University. The Institute for Human Rights is renowned for its academic human rights research and has a long experience in hosting a wide range of international courses for students, researchers and professionals. The Institute also offers doctoral training and participates actively in Nordic and other international human rights research networks.

Credits: 120 credits
Application Period: The application period starts 1 December 2017 and ends 31 January 2018. For details please see: www.abo.fi/ansok/en/master
Language of Instruction: English
Fees: Tuition fee for non-EU/EEA students, EUR 10,000/year. See: www.abo.fi/ansok/en/tuitionfee
Scholarships are available. Membership in the Student Union, approx. EUR 120/year.
Further information:
On the programme: www.abo.fi/fakultet/en/humanrightsmaster
e-mail: hrm-coordinator@abo.fi
On admission: www.abo.fi/ansok/en/master
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Åbo Akademi University
Founded in 1919, Åbo Akademi University is the only Swedish-language multidisciplinary university in Finland. The university offers both undergraduate and postgraduate studies and extensive research opportunities for some 7,000 students. Åbo Akademi University is located close to the city centre, in the heart of the old part of the city of Turku/Åbo. The campus offers a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for students. The university is characterized by its small size, good student–teacher relations, rich traditions and its highly flexible study environment.