



# Master's Degree Programme in International Law and Human Rights

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The Master's Degree Programme in International Law and Human Rights is designed to prepare its graduates for challenging careers in international organisations, non-governmental organisations, public administration or legal practice. The programme offers specialised knowledge and an in-depth understanding of topical issues in international and human rights law. Studies within the programme consist of courses analysing the structure of the legal order governing states and organisations along with the protection of the rights of individuals in an increasingly complex international environment. The programme offers students the possibility to profile themselves in different specialisation areas, such as international human rights law, migration and refugee law, international law and conflicts, and general international law. Studies within the programme equip students with expert knowledge, provide the requisite background for advanced research, and develop the practical application skills.

The programme is made up of courses and seminars offered to small or medium-size groups of 15-30 students. Student learning is enhanced through an encouraging and supportive learning environment and close student-teacher interaction. Courses within the programme make use of a broad range of teaching methods.

Students who have successfully completed the full-time study programme will be awarded a Master of Social Sciences degree. However, the programme has a legal focus, corresponding to an LL.M. Degree.

This two-year programme is offered by the Institute for Human Rights and the Chair of Public International Law at Åbo Akademi University. The programme has been ongoing since 2006 and was originally called the Master's Degree Programme in International Human Rights Law. In 2018, the programme was broadened by adding studies in public international law alongside the human rights law focus.

For more information about studies within the Master's Programme please see also the website of the Institute for Human Rights.

## After graduation opportunities

Graduates of the programme find employment in public institutions, international organisations, national or international non-governmental organisations, academia, legal practice and increasingly also in the private sector where, for instance, corporate social responsibility receives increasing attention.