

MICL — Master's Degree Programme in International Law and Human Rights

MANDATORY STUDIES (80 credits)

Governance Through International Law (20 credits)

- [Sources and Principles of Public International Law](#) 10
- [International Protection of Human Rights](#) 10

Further studies in Public International Law (20 credits)

Students can freely choose among the courses offered in public international law or choose to focus on courses in a narrower field, such as international human rights law, migration and refugee law, law on mobility and minorities, international law and armed conflicts, marine and environmental law, or general international law. See further the list of courses (below).

Courses organised by the Chair of Public International Law:

- [Actors of the International Legal System](#) 5
- [Comparative and Transnational Criminal Law](#) 5
- [The Nordic Human Rights Moot Court Competition](#) (in Scandinavian languages) 15
- [Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#) 5
- [Human Rights and the Environment](#) 5
- [Human Rights in Europe](#) 5
- [International Criminal Law](#) 5
- [International Environmental Law](#) 5
- [Introduction to Principles of Migration Law](#) 5
- [Law of the Sea](#) (self-study course) 5
- [Law, Migration and Human Mobility](#) 5
- [Refugee Law](#) 5
- [Special Protection in Human Rights Law](#) 5
- [The Business of Human Rights](#) 5–10
- [The Law of War and Armed Conflict](#) 10
- [Use of Force in International Law](#) 5
- [The Law of International Responsibility](#) (self-study course) 5

Relevant courses organised elsewhere at Åbo Akademi University:

- [Comparative Law in a Changing World](#) 5 (law)
- [Freedom of Religion and Belief in the Educational Space](#) 5 (minority studies)
- [Gender and Human Rights](#) 5 (public international law)
- [International Law in Context: Russia, ECHR, and the CIS](#) 5 (law)
- [Political Institutions in the European Union](#) (self-study course) 5 (political science)
- [Religious Diversity, Minorities and the Law](#) 5 (minority studies)
- [The Many Faces of Autonomy – Theory and Practice](#) 5 (law)
- [The Åland Islands Autonomy and Its Four Normative Layers](#) (in Swedish) 5 (law)

Master's Seminars (10 credits)

- [Master's Paper](#) 5
- [Advanced International Legal Approaches](#) 5

Master's Thesis (30 credits)

- [Master's Thesis in International Law and Human Rights: Part 1](#) 10
- [Master's Thesis in International Law and Human Rights: Part 2](#) 10
- [Master's Thesis in International Law and Human Rights: Part 3](#) 10

ELECTIVE STUDIES (40 credits)

Students can freely choose courses up to 40 credits. These need not be, but can be, courses in public international law or human rights. Students can choose a Minor, which requires 25 credits in the chosen thematic area. For example, Minority Studies offer a Minor (25 credits) in English. There are also thematic modules (20 credits) in English, such as The Sea. Elective studies may include work experience/internships (5 or 10 credits, depending on the length of the work experience/internship).