



Master Droit des libertés

Human Rights Law in a changing World

Présentation

La mention de Master Droit des Libertés a pour objectif de préparer les étudiants aux fonctions d'experts dans le domaine de la protection des droits de l'homme, afin de leur permettre d'occuper des emplois d'avocat ou de juriste dans les organisations non gouvernementales, les organisations intergouvernementales ou les administrations nationales.

La mention est organisée sur deux années autour de quatre parcours: *Droit européen des droits de l'homme, Droit des Minorités, Droit des affaires humanitaires et des ONG* et un parcours anglophone *Human Rights Law in a changing world (au seul niveau M2)*.

Objectifs

Overview of the program

The aim of this **English-taught program** is to provide students **from all over the world access to a high-level education in Human Rights Law**. Human Rights is an essential component of a vibrant democratic regime. Despite a very strong support and development post WWII, Human Rights are now facing a backlash in different parts of the world. Disputed in their theoretical basis, their implementation is in danger because of various regressive movements, from the "Rule of Law backsliding" to war, to name only a few of the contemporary challenges Human Rights are facing in a changing world. In addition, Human Rights Law is an evolving subject, which encounters new challenges due to the evolution of our societies: climate change and a degrading environment, new technologies bringing positive developments but also threats, etc. The purpose of this program is **to build on the excellence of Human Rights education in Strasbourg University, and the institutional environment of the city, to provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to become high-level Human Rights Law experts**, so as to contribute to the defence, implementation and furtherance of Human Rights in their country and on the international stage.

Intended learning outcomes

The Program intends to train lawyers in the field of human rights, and develop awareness as to the many challenges arising in this field at National, European and International level. It will offer students an opportunity to acquire advanced legal knowledge and skills to understand and analyze these challenges. The program is both practical and theoretical and leads, depending on the project of the student, to the delivery of a master's degree with a professional (internship) or research aspect (thesis). Courses are taught by both academics and practitioners (judges or members of the registry of the European Court of Human Rights, experts from the Council Europe, lawyers specialized in Human Rights, etc.).

Knowledge

After having completed the program, students will have acquired advanced knowledge about:

- The interplay between the defence of Human Rights and the defence of the Rule of Law and Democracy
- The legal framework related to various contemporary issues affecting Human Rights (migration, environment, poverty, new technologies...)
- The roles and actions played by European and International actors in the promotion and protection of Human Rights, the Rule of Law and Democracy
- The importance of interdependence between the various categories of Human Rights

Skills

Composante	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculté de droit, de sciences politiques et de gestion
Langues d'enseignement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglais
Niveau d'entrée	BAC +4
Durée	1 an
Formation à distance	Non, uniquement en présentiel
Régime d'études	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FI (Formation initiale) • FC (Formation continue)
Niveau RNCP	Niveau 7
RNCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RNCP38205 : Master Droit des libertés
Lieu	Faculté de droit - 1 Pl. d'Athènes, 67045 Strasbourg
Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Esplanade
Stage	Oui
Alternance	Non

Aménagements pour les publics ayant un profil spécifique

Students with special needs (disabled students, high-level athletes) may benefit from special study and/or examination arrangements, in agreement with the course supervisors.

Droits de scolarité

To find out about tuition fees, visit the [dedicated page](#) on the Université de Strasbourg website.

Contacts

Responsable(s) de parcours

- [Peggy Ducoulombier](#)

Autres contacts

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After having completed the program, students will be able to:

- Search and identify primary sources in different legal systems and academic literature about the various topics covered during the classes, and prioritize information.
- Critically appraise the material, in particular students will be able to analyze and assess the case law of the Regional Human Rights Courts, the UN Committees, the Court of Justice of the European Union...
- Apprehend the challenges of Human Rights Law implementation in the modern world.
- Manage the administrative and legal aspects of litigation in the field of International and European Human Rights Law
- Present complex arguments orally and in writing and participate in legal discussion about Human Rights in a constructive and critical way
- Improve autonomy in work, apply knowledge and problem-solving skills in the relevant areas
- Demonstrate open-mindedness and team spirit essential for an international career in the field of Human Rights.

The program is part of semester 3 and 4 of the Master Droit des Libertés.

Semester 3 (september-december) is dedicated to on-site courses.

Semester 4 (January-September) is dedicated to a long-term internship (4 months minimum; internships may take place until the 30th of September) or to writing a thesis (defended before a jury in early July).

The teaching schedule is adapted to the presence of professionals in the program. Classes may be delivered from 12 to 2 pm and after 5 pm.

Les + de la formation

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This program welcomes students from different countries and young lawyers from the ECtHR registry. It offers an unique international and professional environment for students.

Methods of assessments are adapted to international students.

The calendar offers an opportunity for students to search for long-term internships or to dedicate ample time to the writing of a research thesis.

Critères de recrutement

Students are recruited at BAC+4 level and their profile must be in line with the course's compulsory pre-requisites.

Candidater

To find out how to apply, visit the [dedicated page](#) on the Université de Strasbourg website.

International students whose country is included into the "Etudes en France" scheme must apply through this procedure. Applications will not be accepted through e-candidat if the student depends from Etudes en France.

Prérequis obligatoires

Entry requirements: In order to access the Master 2 degree program, students must have a diploma in Law (or political sciences with a good training in Law) equivalent to 4 years of studies in a Higher education institution.

For students coming from the French Higher Education system, recommended masters are Droit des Libertés, Droit international, Droit européen.

Students must demonstrate that they have solid basic knowledge in International and European Human Rights Law.

Students must demonstrate excellent grades, in particular in Fundamental Freedoms and Human Rights, International Public Law, European Law, or similar courses.

Proficiency (B2/C1) in English is a pre-requisite as courses and assessments take place in English (proof of level by certification or other means demonstrating the required level).

A second language class must be followed during semester 3. For French, German or Spanish Language, courses are delivered within the Law Faculty for non-beginners (minimum B1 level, it is not possible for a native speaker to follow a class in his/her native language).

For students who cannot follow French, German or Spanish classes or who would like to learn another language, it is possible to follow language courses at the LANSAD department.

langues.unistra.fr/formation/ue-de-langues-ue4

Passive knowledge of French is a plus in order to enjoy life in Strasbourg. It is also possible to self-train in French at the Lansad.

lansad.unistra.fr/formations/etudiants/

Programme des enseignements

Human Rights Law in a changing World

Master 2 - Droit des libertés - Human Rights Law in a changing world

Semestre 3 - Droit des libertés - Human Rights Law in a changing world					
	CM	TD	TP	CI	
Teaching Unit 1. Defending the Rule of Law and Democracy	12 ECTS	52h	-	-	-
Independence of Justice and the Rule of Law		20h	-	-	-
Political rights and Democracy		20h	-	-	-
Social, economic and cultural rights		12h	-	-	-
Teaching Unit 2. Contemporary challenges in Human Rights Law	12 ECTS	52h	-	-	-
Responding to Human Rights violations		12h	-	-	-
New technologies and Human Rights		12h	-	-	-
Business and Human Rights		12h	-	-	-
Environment and Human rights		12h	-	-	-
Migration and Human Rights		12h	-	-	-
Teaching Unit 3. Human Rights Law in Practice and Skills Development	6 ECTS	31h	15h	-	-
How to lodge an application before ...		15h	-	-	-
Elective course		10h	-	-	-
Research methodology		6h	-	-	-
Foreign language		-	15h	-	-
Conferences, webinars		-	-	-	-

Semestre 4 - Droit des libertés - Human Rights Law in a changing world					
	CM	TD	TP	CI	
Liste semestre 4 - choisir 1 parmi 2					
Teaching Unit 4. Internship track	30 ECTS	-	-	-	-
Internship		-	-	-	-
Teaching Unit 4. Research track	30 ECTS	-	-	-	-
Research thesis		-	-	-	-