

Master of Arts in Human Rights (International Program)

The MA in Human Rights (International Programme), which began in 1999, is the first social science graduate program in human rights in Southeast Asia. The curriculum is designed to reflect the interdisciplinary nature of human rights issues. Since its establishment, the program has attracted students from Asia and other regions. The Program's medium of teaching is English.

Objectives

The International Masters of Arts in Human Rights program aims to produce graduates who are capable of applying human rights knowledge to their fields of work, be they academics, policy makers, human rights practitioners or activists. Graduates will learn to acquire knowledge independently, a skill necessary for the advancement of academic studies and promotion of human rights in society. The program is committed to producing graduates who:

1. Have excellent knowledge of human rights from an interdisciplinary perspective, and are knowledgeable about human rights situations relevant to their own experiences or specific interests
2. Are able to relate their knowledge of human rights with political, economic, social and cultural contexts
3. Are capable of utilizing human rights knowledge in their respective fields of work
4. Have social awareness and the desire to establish human rights in society

Program Structure

Required Courses (18 credits) (lecture-practice)

HPHR 501 International Human Rights Standards

HPHR 502 Human Rights Protection Mechanisms

3 (3-0)

HPHR 503 Current Issues in Human Rights

HPHR 504 Human Rights in Asia 3 (3-0)

HPHR 505 Research Methods in Human Rights

HPHR 506 Human Rights Theory

3 (3-0)

Elective Courses (no less than 6 credits)

HPHR 510	Practical Skills for Human Rights Protection	3 (0-9)
HPHR 511	Peace, Conflict Management and Human Rights	3 (0-9)
HPHR 512	Human Rights in International Relations	3 (0-9)
HPHR 513	Selected Topics in Human Rights	3 (0-9)
HPHR 514	Independent Study	3 (0-9)
HPHR 515	Internship	3 (0-9)

Apart from the above courses, the students may take other elective courses that are relevant to their needs, under the approval of the Program Committee.

Thesis (12 Credits)

HPHR 698	Thesis	12 (0-36)
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Study Plan

Required courses	18	credits
Elective courses (no less than)	6	credits
Thesis	12	credits
Total credits of no less than	36	credits

YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1	Credit
HPHR 501 International Human Rights Standards	3	
HPHR 502 Human Rights Protection Mechanisms	3	
HPHR 5xx Elective Course	3	
HPHR 506 Human Rights Theory	3	
Total	12	
SEMESTER 2		

HPHR 503 Current Issues in Human Rights
3

HPHR 504 Human Rights in Asia
3

HPHR 505 Research Methods in Human Rights

HPHR 5xx Elective Courses

Total 12

SEMESTER 3 (summer)

HPHR 698 Thesis 12

Total 12

Course Description

Required Courses

Credits (lecture-practice)

HPHR 501 International Human Rights Standards

Development of international and regional human rights treaties and other legal and political documents

HPHR 502 Human Rights Protection Mechanisms

International and regional systems for promotion and protection of human rights. Legal, political and social aspects

HPHR 503 Current Issues in Human Rights

Outlook on current issues related to human rights situation in the global and regional contexts, such as terrorism, human trafficking, etc.

HPHR 504 Human Rights in Asia 3 (3-0)

Political, economic and social structures and major changes in different regions of Asia. A comprehensive overview of human rights in Asia.

HPHR 505 Research Methods in Human Rights

Overview of academic research methods, qualitative and quantitative. Training in different research methods

HPHR 506 Human Rights Theory 3 (3-0)

Introduction to major disciplinary approaches to human rights, namely philosophical, social scientific and legal

Elective Courses Credits (lecture-practice)

HPHR 510 Practical Skills for Human Rights Protection

Introduction to and training in practical skills for the protection of human rights including human rights monitoring, reporting, etc.

HPHR 511 Peace, Conflict Management and Human Rights

Concepts of peace and conflicts with emphases on conflicts of cultures, ethnicities, and natural resources

HPHR 512 Human Rights in International Relations

Emergence and significance of human rights in international relations. Importance of international human rights law

HPHR 513 Selected Topics in Human Rights

One or more topics in human rights selected by the Programme Director in consultation with faculty members

HPHR 514 Independent Study 3 (0-9)

Individual study of specific topics in human rights according to student's interests under the supervision of a faculty member

HPHR 515 Internship 3 (0-9)

Internship with a human rights organization under co-supervision by a faculty member and a senior student

Thesis

HPHR 698

Thesis

12 (0-36)

Research on a selected topic on human rights which aims at strengthening the body of knowledge and