

EM HRPP
Erasmus Mundus Masters in Human Rights Policy and Practice

Duration: 24 months

Course description:

The international bill of human rights focuses attention on standard setting, but makes little provision for the implementation of these standards. Mary Robinson, as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights said "I am struck by the fact that we have no need for new pledges and commitments. They are all there in solemn language. We need something more prosaic: implementation, implementation, implementation!" It is in response to this, and in recognition of the fact that the development of human rights comes through the work of international civil society, good governance and law, that the Human Rights Policy and Practice MA was created.

The MA builds on the successful EM Human Rights Practice MA to develop human rights professionals equipped with the tools to engage both conceptually and practically with the protection, fulfilment and promotion of human rights. This two year programme is offered by 3 EU Higher Education institutions – Roehampton University (UK), University of Gothenburg (Sweden) and University of Tromsø (Norway), leading to a MA award. During the term of the programme the partnership will be working to establish a joint degree. Total credits for the award = 120 ECTS. Associated partners are involved with the programme to support student research. The programme encourages the examination of human rights from a multi-disciplinary perspective with each institution bringing its own specialism to the partnership.

Academic perspectives are married to skills of advocacy, campaigning, policy development and management as well as transferable employability skills. Innovative assessments thoroughly test the student in academic knowledge and practical skills. To do this the programme is built around seven compulsory modules:

- Four are taught modules in Human Rights from the perspectives of international relations, law, sociology and anthropology.
- The fifth offers perspectives on organisations and the management of institutions, with a placement offering students further experience and professional practice.
- Two modules on research methodology and an individual research project, leading to a dissertation during the final term.

Students spend one semester in each of the 3 EU institutions (UK, Sweden and Norway). The student cohort is then divided between these three institutions for supervision of the research project, but students can elect to visit an associate partner to carry out field work. Further opportunities include: Research while located at associate partner university. Field trips to organisations (including ministries, ombudsmen, and civil society organisations) involved in human rights policy and practice in all three countries. Opportunity to learn two European Languages (Swedish and Norwegian) as part of a cultural programme at each institution. Annual programme symposium in which students present the results of their research projects and engage in critical discussions with peers, academics and practitioners.

Website: <course website>

Partners:

ROEHAMPTON UNIVERSITY, United Kingdom (Co-ordinating Institution)
UNIVERSITY OF TROMSØ, Norway
UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG, Sweden

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