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VIENNA MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS



Short Facts

Academic Degree	Master of Arts (MA)
Duration	2 years
Units	120 ECTS
Language	English
Class Size	max. 30 students
Tuition Fee	for two years: € 20,600
Start	September/October each year

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Job Opportunities

We will train you for a career as a human rights expert to be employed by governments, international organisations, development agencies, business corporations, research institutes and civil society organisations. You might work as an election observer, human rights field officer, diplomat, trainer, mediator, consultant etc.

Faculty

Broad variety of courses taught by:

- academic lecturers from various disciplines
- human rights practitioners from
 - international organisations
 - human rights institutes
 - the corporate sector
 - development agencies
 - civil society organisations

The University of Vienna is the oldest university in the German-speaking world and one of the largest in Central Europe. Thus, with more than 180 courses and about 92,000 students as well as staff of 9,700 employees, it is also the largest educational and scientific institution in Austria.

The university's Postgraduate Center offers a wide range of Advanced Postgraduate Programs. Students may choose from about 50 master programs, continuing education courses and certificate courses in the fields of »Education and Social Care«, »Health & Natural Sciences«, »International Affairs and Business«, »Communication and Media« and »Law«. In addition, the university offers tailored corporate programs targeted at the goals and specific needs of organisations. All professional education programs of the University of Vienna are adjusted to the specific demands of professional life and aim at providing an interdisciplinary approach. Students will learn to understand how related scientific disciplines are interconnected with their specific fields of expertise. The Postgraduate Center is also active in the Austrian and international discourse on lifelong learning.

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All Human Rights for All

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“Being a human rights expert is one of the most fascinating new professions for people with various backgrounds. You need to have an open mind, motivation and empathy, and we provide you with the knowledge and skills you require to work in the challenging world of universal human rights.”



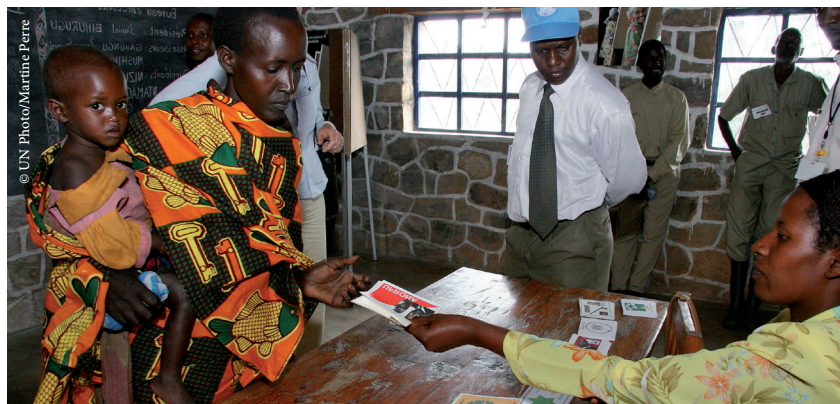
MANFRED NOWAK

Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Vienna, Co-Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights and former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture



No philosophical idea has had a more profound impact on international relations and world politics than human rights. Within half a century since World War II and the Holocaust, human rights developed into the only universally accepted value system of our times. The recognition of states as democratic, developed and peace-loving nations today depends on their capacity and willingness to protect human rights. Long-term dictators and brutal military rulers are increasingly being ousted and held accountable for gross and systematic violations of human rights before international criminal tribunals. Even business corporations and international organisations are judged by their human rights performance. In post-conflict situations and transitions from totalitarian to democratic rule, human rights constitute an essential element of peace-building, development and good governance. Human rights open the doors to a better world for all.

The implementation of human rights in rich and poor countries, in peace operations, development projects, transition and post-conflict situations requires highly motivated and skilled human rights experts with empathy for human beings.



Election monitoring

The Universe of Human Rights

With our newly designed Master of Arts in Human Rights the University of Vienna offers you the unique opportunity to study human rights in an international, transdisciplinary and practice-oriented environment.

Aims and Objectives

We aim at providing you with the scientific knowledge and the practical skills to work as a human rights expert in different professional environments.

Target Group

We welcome students who hold at least a bachelor degree, from a broad variety of academic disciplines, from all world regions, with an open mind, empathy for human beings and a strong interest to experience the fascinating world of human rights.

Structure

We offer an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to human rights, with a strong emphasis on practice. We keep the class size small in order to provide you with the best possible support, so you can get the most out of the programme. Your interests are taken very seriously – you have the opportunity to determine certain contents of your courses.

Semester 1: Courses introducing human rights, its mechanisms and its interdisciplinarity

Semester 2: Courses focusing on specific human rights and specific groups

Semester 3: Internship / research placement

Semester 4: Moot Court and thesis writing



Vienna – The Vibrant Heart of Europe



Not only is Vienna well known as the world city with the highest quality of life, but situated in the heart of Europe, it lies at the crossroads of different cultures. People from all over the world come to Vienna to meet, to enjoy its charm and the sound of music, to study, to dance, to hold peace congresses and attend scientific conferences. Many international organisations and agencies, including the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, have chosen to be hosted in Vienna. After the end of the Cold War, the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights in 1993 laid the ground for the current human rights architecture of the United Nations. Combining tradition and modernity, arts and science, work and leisure, Vienna provides the ideal international environment to spend two unforgettable years studying the art of human rights.

Field Trip

We provide you with an enlightening field trip to Kosovo, a country gaining its independence under post-conflict reconstruction, where the UN, the OSCE, the EU, NATO and other international organisations are jointly operating an international administration with a strong human rights mandate.

Internship

In the third semester you undertake an internship in an human rights organisation or a research placement at one of our partner universities. Where possible, the Master team will provide advice, guidance and contacts to Vienna-based international organisations and alumni (who have graduated from this programme) to assist you in finding the right placement.