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LLM in Human Rights and International Dispute Resolution



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LLM in Human Rights and International Dispute Resolution:



A two-year postgraduate course designed for university graduates who wish to deepen their knowledge and improve their practical skills in human rights and international dispute resolution;

A course through which students not only deepen their knowledge of human rights, but also learn about the historical, philosophical, and political contexts of the ongoing international discussions;

It is also an opportunity to benefit from the knowledge and experience of international academic staff, consisting of distinguished experts in human rights and international law from around the world.



Why do we need an innovative approach to studies on human rights?

The growing importance of human rights, their progressive internationalization, and at the same time the increasingly diversified catalog of their sources force the need to search for new and adequate methods to study this issue. Today, the application of the concept of human rights is influenced not only by treaties in which they have been recognized and confirmed by states, but by a whole range of other factors, including soft law instruments. The progressive processes affecting the formation of the human rights system have also led to significant changes in terms of its main actors. These are no longer only sovereign states, but also international institutions that are expanding their fields of activity and representatives of civil society. The concept of human rights is often politicized in debates, which raises questions about the stability and universality of this system.

All of this makes it necessary to take an innovative and interdisciplinary approach in order to understand what role human rights play today and what their proper content is. The curriculum offered by the Collegium Intermarium is a unique and comprehensive course on the international system of human rights, the aim of which is not only to learn about its content, but also the dynamics of the processes that influence its shape and application, as well as ways to engage in the discussion that shapes it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tymoteusz Zych'.

Att. Tymoteusz Zych, Ph.D.,
prof. CI - The Rector of Collegium Intermarium

Course description

Law in Books, Law in Action

Name	LL.M. in International Human Rights Law and International Dispute Resolution
Type of study	part-time
Duration	2 years
Mode of studies	The studies take place in Warsaw in the form of weekend sessions. There is a possibility to attend the course online.
Language	English

The curriculum of the LLM in Human Rights and International Dispute Resolution includes the following:

- Theoretical and philosophical foundations of the human rights system.
- Sources of the existing human rights system and soft law.
- Human rights in substantive and comparative legal terms - human rights and: international criminal law, prosecution and counteraction of crimes against humanity, constitutional systems of the Intermarium states, anti-discrimination law, family law, digital security, and corporate compliance.
- Advocacy workshops, enabling students to acquire the skills to actively engage in human rights advocacy.
- Basic knowledge of dispute resolution at the international level.

Recruitment requirements

- Applications of candidates for postgraduate studies are accepted only through online registration, using the electronic recruitment system available at www.collegiumintermarium.org.
- Communication with the applicant takes place through the electronic admissions system.
- As an auxiliary means of communication with the candidate, remote communication via email or phone may be used.
- The formal conditions for admitting a candidate to the recruitment process are:
 - registration in the electronic recruitment system and
 - payment of the enrollment fee.
- Recruitment for postgraduate studies will take place until September 30th, 2021.
- Candidates for postgraduate studies must submit the following documents:
 - » personal questionnaire printed out from the electronic recruitment system, hand-signed by the candidate;
 - » application for admission to postgraduate studies, printed out from the electronic admissions system, hand-signed by the candidate;
 - » a photocopy of the university diploma (at least a bachelor's degree), certified with the clause: „I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document” and the candidate's handwritten signature;
 - » proof of payment of the enrollment fee.
- A person who has been admitted to the postgraduate program must submit, within one week of being notified electronically of his or her admission:
 - » a signed contract for the provision of educational services to participants of postgraduate studies, in two counterparts according to the template published on the website of the University;
 - » proof of payment of the enrollment fee.
- The documents listed above may be submitted in person at the University or sent by mail to the University address.

It may be widely known that Learning the letter of the law alone is not enough to absorb its essence and the mechanisms that govern it. However, the problem of studying the operation of law in practice gains a completely new dimension in the context of contemporary processes within international law. The role of treaties and agreements of member states in interpretation and application of international law, including the law on human rights, is gradually being diminished. Instead, the phenomenon of progressive expansion of the scope of powers of international organizations, accompanied by the increase of importance of soft law and non-binding documents is evermore present.

That is why the distinctive feature of our postgraduate program is the emphasis on learning practical skills in human rights advocacy. Students will have the opportunity to participate in workshops on negotiations and methods of influencing ongoing discussions in the international arena. These workshops will be conducted by individuals who are directly engaged in advocacy activities in international institutions on a daily basis. During the practical classes, students will perfect their skills in formulating concise and effective ways to seek protection against violations of human rights before international judicial bodies. They will also be provided with practical knowledge about the whole range of possibilities of participating in procedures provided by law for consulting drafts of legal acts in the field of human rights or monitoring the observance of human rights in the world. These skills will enable the graduates of our course to engage in future processes aimed at protecting human rights in a fully prepared and informed manner.

Human rights and their contexts

It is equally important for us to seriously approach the issues related to the theoretical and philosophical foundations of the functioning of the human rights system. It must not be forgotten that the original purpose of the creation of human rights treaties was to respond to the extreme relativization and positivization of law that led in the twentieth century to tragedies previously unknown to humanity. In order to be able to consciously engage in the protection of human rights in the international forum, it is also necessary to identify the main trends of contemporary political and legal thought that influence the shape of the ongoing debate and their application.

International faculty

The LLM in Human Rights postgraduate studies will give you a unique opportunity to meet international scholars from diverse backgrounds. Classes will be conducted by distinguished human rights scholars and experienced practitioners from both the Intermarium region and around the world. Postgraduate students will gain knowledge on human rights from people whose achievements or work have significantly contributed to the development of human rights protection globally. They will include both prominent and respected scholars, as well as individuals who are engaged in negotiations at the highest levels of international institutions on a daily basis.



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Is the LLM in Human Rights and International Dispute Resolution course right for you?

The studies are designed for everyone who wishes to deepen his/her knowledge of the functioning of the human rights system and learn effective ways to engage in their protection. In particular, they may be useful for lawyers appearing before international courts, employees of governmental institutions and non-governmental organizations, as well as researchers dealing with human rights issues. They will also be very useful to those who wish to expand their knowledge of dispute resolution through the international justice and arbitration systems.

Studies can be useful especially for:

- employees of law firms, international corporations, courts, local government bodies, analysts and assistants employed by courts of law, civic organizations and public bodies;
- specialists and lawyers cooperating with non-governmental organizations and think tanks working in the field of human rights protection;
- lawyers representing individuals and organizations in proceedings concerning violations of human rights conducted before international judicial bodies;
- state and local administration employees involved in activities for the protection of human rights;
- employees of government institutions who want to deepen their knowledge and improve their practical skills in the field of human rights protection;
- employees and officers of international corporations interested in developing compliance policies to more fully protect human rights in the business environment;
- researchers of public international law and European law, particularly in the field of human rights protection;
- employees and contractors of state, local and international institutions.



Graduate profile

Graduates of LLM in Human Rights and International Dispute Resolution will i.a.:

KNOWLEDGE

- have profound knowledge of **the philosophical and doctrinal sources** of the current human rights system and will be able to indicate the most important trends of political and legal thought that have an impact on its current perception;
- be able to identify and evaluate the activities of international organizations in the field of human rights, both from a national and international perspective;
- have knowledge of selected **specific areas of human rights protection**, in particular the prohibition of discrimination, human rights law, the international system of protection of family and children's rights; fighting and prevention of international crime;

PRACTICAL SKILLS

- learn about the procedure before **the European Court of Human Rights and other international judicial authorities**;
- learn the basics of the international **dispute resolution system**;
- have the knowledge and skills necessary to **participate in international forum negotiations** and **learn the methods** of influencing the discussions taking place there;
- be able to actively and consciously participate in legal proceedings **to consult on draft human rights legislation and monitor the human rights observance in the world**;
- be able **to diagnose human rights violations** in many areas protected by fundamental human rights instruments such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and **take action to enforce these rights**.



Program modules

Lp.	Name of course (module convenor)	S	Number of hours			ECTS
			LEC	TUT	PRIV	
1	Theory and Philosophy of Human Rights (...)	I-II	LEC	TUT	90	4
2	Philosophy of the Law of Nations	I-II	15	15	90	4
3	Human Rights within the International Legal Order - Introduction to Substantive Law (...)	I-II	30	30	180	8
4	History of International Human Rights Protection (...)	I	15	15	90	4
5	European and International Institutional Law (...)	I	15	15	90	4
6	United Nations Human Rights system (...)	I	15	15	90	4
7	Human Rights and International Crime (...)	II	15	15	90	4
8	International and European Anti-Discrimination Law (...)	II	15	15	90	4
9	EU External Relations Law	II	-	15		
10	Human Rights in the Constitutional Orders of the Intermarium States (...)	III	15	15	90	4
11	International Humanitarian Law (...)	III	15	15	90	4
12	Human Rights Advocacy and Legal Writing (...)	III-IV	-	60	180	8
13	Dissertation (...)	III-IV	-	30	210	8
14	Introduction to International Dispute Settlement	III-IV	-	15		
15	European System for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (...)	IV	15	15	90	4
Specialization course	1. International Family Law (...) 2. Human Rights and Corporate Compliance (...) 3. Patient's Rights and Human Rights System	IV	15	15	90	4

Fees

Tuition	Amount
Single payment (for a year)	EUR 2,200
Payment in 2 installments	EUR 2,400
Payment in 3 installments	EUR 2,600
Enrollment fee	EUR 30



Scholarship offer

Scholarships for the LL.M program in Human Rights and International Dispute Resolution are available from the Collegium Intermarium Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship applications should be submitted to stypendia@collegiumintermarium.pl by August 15th, 2021.

Scholarships from the Fund are awarded for the first year of study to students who have met all of the following conditions:

- have shown high social activity in implementing values convergent with the statutory values of Collegium Intermarium;
- have submitted an application letter, in which they justify their motivation to study at Collegium Intermarium;
- have written an essay in English on any topic related to human rights (10,000-20,000 characters), which has been positively evaluated by the Scholarship Committee;



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We kindly inform you that the courses are conducted with a certain number of participants, allowing for the proper dynamics of the group.