

MASTER *of* ARTS

HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Human Rights and Social Justice Program program, offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, is aimed at supporting emerging leaders and future human rights advocates who can draw upon a deep knowledge and experience in a field that demands innovative and creative responses to complex challenges in contemporary societies.

The one-and-a-half-year Graduate program provides students with an advanced conceptual understanding of social justice and the promotion and protection of human rights at the international, regional, and national levels, informed by the latest practices. The program equips students with the skills required for effective work in peace and justice across a variety of organizational settings, offering a combination of applied real-world skills and training in research.

Students get actively involved in both theory and skills development from leading human rights professionals, activists and scholars, while gaining field experience through the various research opportunities such as Human Rights Clinic, the Internship, and capstone projects to implement strategic approaches to existing complex global and domestic issues.

International Collaboration

The Program collaborates with the leading **Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI)** and **Lund University**, thus, gives an exceptional opportunity to HRSJ graduate students to gain a professional human rights firsthand experience and enhance their legal skills through academic-led trainings, participating in study visits and field trips.

CAREER PATH

- Social Services
- Law: Human Rights Law, International Law
- Advocacy: Domestic and International Advocacy
- Humanitarian Services
- Human Rights & Social Justice Program Officer
- Communications
- International Development
- International Relations

Curriculum

MA HRSJ offers a flexible structure with a mixture of compulsory and optional modules. The degree requires a completion of a minimum of **36 credits** over **3 regular semesters and a Summer term**, including the Master's thesis. All students must take at least **1 credit** of environmental studies in satisfaction of the university-wide environmental studies requirement.

COURSES INCLUDE, but are not limited to:

- Seminar on Human Rights & Social Justice
- Justice, Knowledge & Change
- Foundations of Social Science Research
- European Convention on Human Rights
- Human Rights in the Security Sector
- Project Development, Monitoring & Evaluation
- Social Justice and Identity
- International Criminal Law
- Public Advocacy

Human Rights Clinic

The students will acquire hands-on experience under supervision and apply the knowledge gained in human rights to practical situations thereby engaging directly with current human rights issues in their legal jurisdictions, local communities, or globally.

Students will select one of the two tracks: Legal Clinic or Social Justice Clinic, and complete small-group projects within them. Projects employ a variety of methods and may support social science research, litigation, advocacy, policy and program development, or extend technical guidance on human rights to civil society organizations, national human rights institutions, governments, UN human rights bodies and other international organizations.

Internship Opportunities

The Graduate students will be offered a unique chance to gain experience in the field of human rights and justice, explore new interests, develop skills and create a network of contacts. As interns, students will be actively engaged in an intensive learning experience with local and international human rights experts and policymakers, thus promoting their personal and professional growth. The internship is optional. It will run part-time over a period of two months. Throughout the internship the intern will receive direct and close supervision and instructions by the supervisors of the hosting institution. Every intern will be given a list of tasks to be performed at the hosting institution.

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