



About the M.A. Human Rights

Aims

The M.A. Human Rights addresses the growing importance of human rights in all areas of society and academia. The course programme covers fundamental challenges as well as current issues. It pursues an interdisciplinary approach by taking the political, philosophical and legal dimensions of human rights into account. Graduates of the programme will be equipped with theoretical and practical skills to pursue professional activities in human rights contexts.

Students

The M.A. Human Rights welcomes students from all over the world. It is open to students with an university degree in combination with professional or practical experiences in human rights.

Students could work as practitioners in public administrations, international and non-governmental organizations, the media, interest groups and associations, as well as in specialized law firms, and corporations.

Teaching Staff

The modules are taught by the programme directors, other professors of the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg and leading practitioners from various fields and organizations in human rights.

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Basic Facts

Programme Duration

Three semesters (90 ECTS) including two semesters of coursework in Erlangen and one semester devoted to the master thesis which can be completed as a non-resident student. The programme starts in the winter term. All courses are taught in English.

Costs

The tuition fees are a total of 4.900 € (plus student fee and semester ticket) for all three semesters.

Prerequisites

Admission to the programme requires

- a university degree based on a course of study equivalent to at least 210 ECTS (3.5 years)
- at least one year of professional experience either in the area of human rights or in combination with practical experience in human rights work on a voluntary basis.

If your university degree is based on less than 210 ECTS you may be accepted on the basis of a special procedure determining additional qualifications.

Students are selected on the basis of their academic and professional ability and experience in human rights.

Final Degree

Master of Arts (M.A.) Human Rights

How to Apply

Application deadline is 30 June. Application form and further requirements can be found on the homepage:

www.humanrights-master.fau.de

Module Overview

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1st Semester: Foundations (30 ECTS)

Module 1: Human Rights Politics

- Political Dynamics of Human Rights
- Empirical Analysis of Human Rights Politics

Module 2: Philosophy of Human Rights

- Human Rights – Foundations and Criticisms
- Universalism and Relativism

Module 3: Human Rights Law

- Legal and Institutional Protection of Human Rights
- Leading Cases of Human Rights Law

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2nd Semester: Specialized Courses (30 ECTS)

Module 4: Non-Discrimination

Four modules out of the following choices:

Module 5: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Module 6: Business and Human Rights

Module 7: Freedom of Religion and Belief

Module 8: Gender and Human Rights

Module 9: International Criminal Law

Module 10: Transitional Justice

Module 11: Human Rights of Refugees

Module 12: Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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3rd Semester: Master Thesis (30 ECTS)

Why study Human Rights in Erlangen

- The main university campus is located in Erlangen, a charming town in Northern Bavaria (Franconia). The city – home of the Huguenots, cyclists and Siemens – hosts a vibrant student life and cultural scene. “Franconian Switzerland”, a paradise for climbers and walkers, offers many outdoor activities right around the corner.
- The city of Nuremberg (German: Nürnberg) is just south of Erlangen, with a population of half a million and a distinct metropolitan flair. It is not only known for its Christmas Fair, but also for theaters, museums, music festivals and other cultural events.
- In 1933, the National Socialists made Nuremberg the “City of the Party Rallies” and adopted the racial laws in contempt of humanity here in 1935. After the end of the war, the allies tried the main Nazi war criminals in the Nuremberg Palace of Justice. The “Nuremberg Trials” paved the way for today’s international criminal law.
- Accepting its historic responsibility, Nuremberg endeavours to become a “City of Peace and Human Rights” today. The Documentation Centre Party Rally Grounds, the “Memorial Nuremberg Trials” in the world-famous Court Room 600 in the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, the “Way of Human Rights” in the city’s centre, the biannual Nuremberg International Human Rights Award, the Nuremberg International Human Rights Film Festival and the Nuremberg Human Rights Centre are some of the important elements of these endeavours.
- Students will find the academic setting of Erlangen combined with the past and present of Nuremberg to be the perfect environment for a successful and enriching experience of learning about human rights.



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