

Postgraduate Virtual Open Days

LLM in Human Rights

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Why Edinburgh?

- The University is ranked 27th in the world, 8th in Europe and 5th in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2025)
- We are ranked 13th in the world, 4th in Europe and 4th in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 by subject: law)
- The city of Edinburgh is ranked 13th Best Student City in the world and 2nd in the UK (QS Best Student Cities 2025)



Our Community

- Become part of a diverse and welcoming student community
- Student-led social life: Edinburgh Law School Postgraduate Student Society
- Law School's world-class facilities based in historic Old College



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Beyond the classroom

- A world-class library of resources
- Extracurricular lectures and seminars by invited experts
- Student organised social events

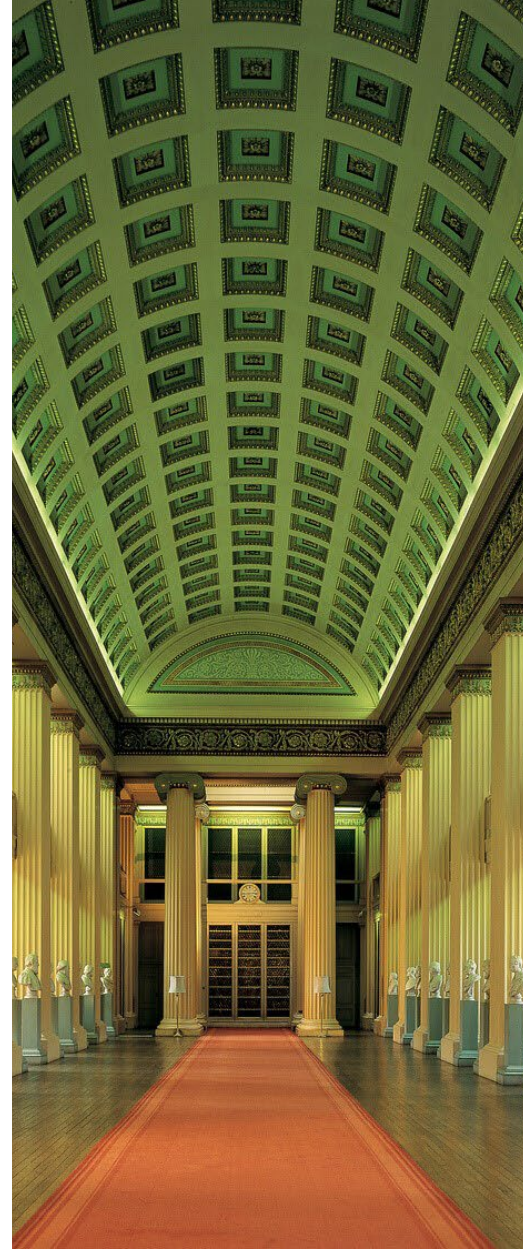


LLM in Human Rights

The programme is designed to provide you with a theoretical and practical understanding of international human rights law in its broader political context.

Emphasis on human rights in a world of transition, including conflict situations or other political and societal movements.

A flexible structure with interdisciplinary options that enable you to tailor your curriculum to best suit your individual interests and career plans.



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LLM Degree Structure

Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful
completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation



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Courses

(listed for the 2024-25 academic year)

Compulsory course:

- International Human Rights (20 credits)



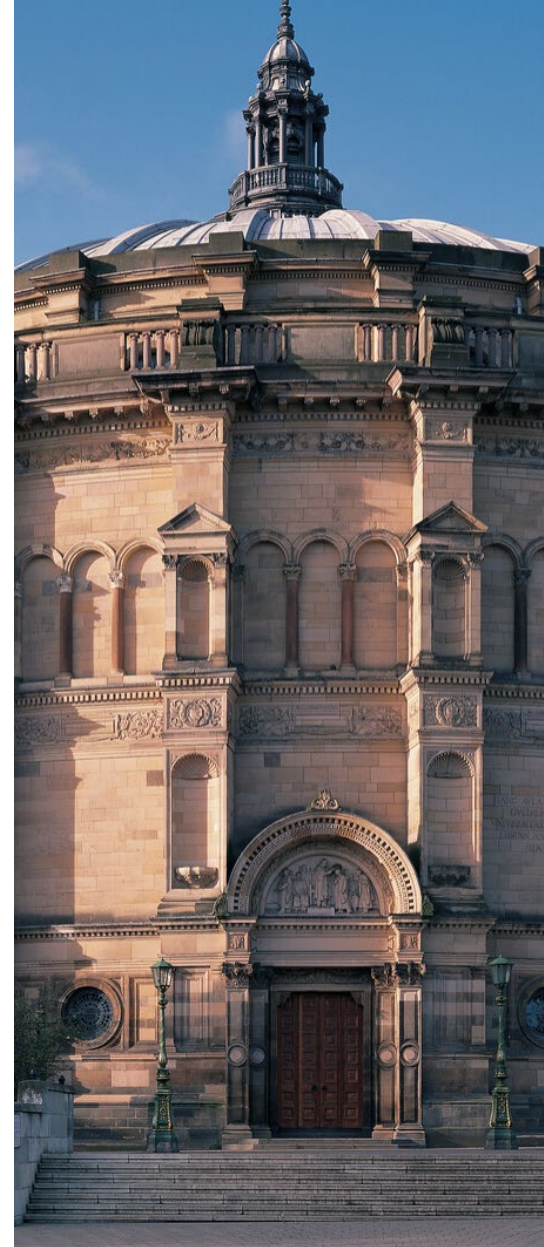
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Courses 2024-25 continued

Core courses - select between 60 and 100 credits from the following:

- Fundamental Issues in International Law (40 credits)
- Inter-state Conflict and Humanitarian Law (20 credits)
- Human Rights and Conflict Resolution (20 credits)
- Human Rights Law in Europe (20 credits)
- Theories of the International Legal Order (20 credits)
- Child Law in Comparative Perspectives (20 credits)
- Citizenship in Europe (20 credits)
- EU Immigration and Asylum Law (20 credits)
- Human Rights Law and Armed Conflict (20 credits)
- Global South Actors in International Relations and International Law, 1945-present (20 credits)
- Conflict and Peaceful Transition in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (20 credits)



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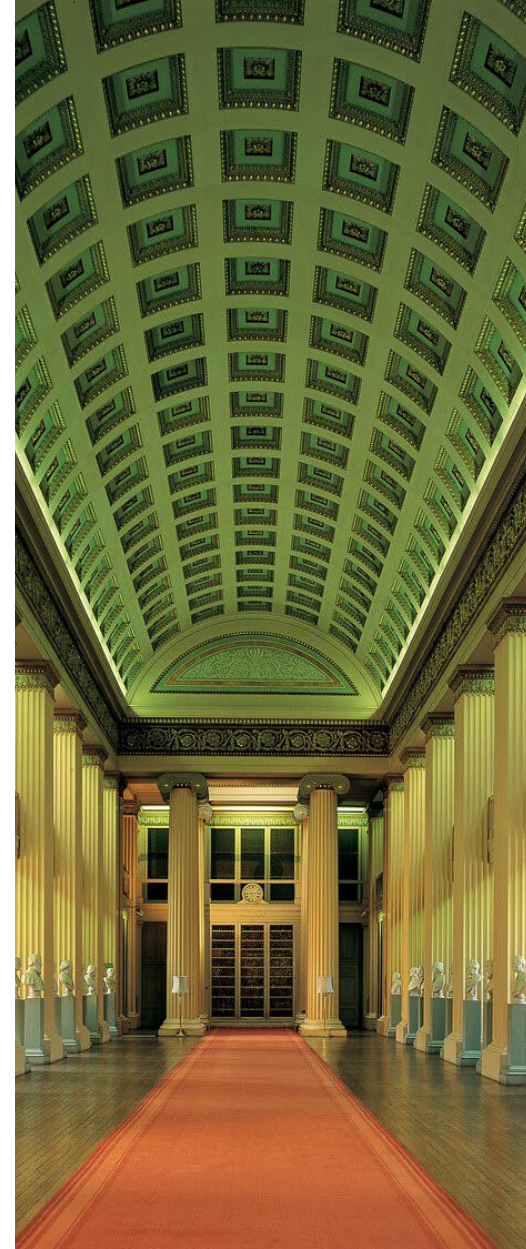
Courses 2024-25 continued

Core courses – may select between 0 and 40 credits from the following:

- Global Childhoods and Human Rights (20 credits)
- The Anatomy of Public Law (20 credits)
- Surveillance and Security (20 credits)
- Global Crime and Security (20 credits)
- Advanced Comparative Constitutional Law (20 credits)
- Cybercrime and Cyber Security (20 credits)
- The Rule of Law (20 credits)
- Working in Conflict-affected Areas: Understand, Cooperate, and Protect (20 credits)
- International Relations Theory (20 credits)
- Gender and Development (20 credits)
- Pursuing Justice and Violence (20 credits)

Students may also select up to 40 credits from level 11 courses in the Law School

Courses for the 2025-26 academic year will be confirmed in May 2025.



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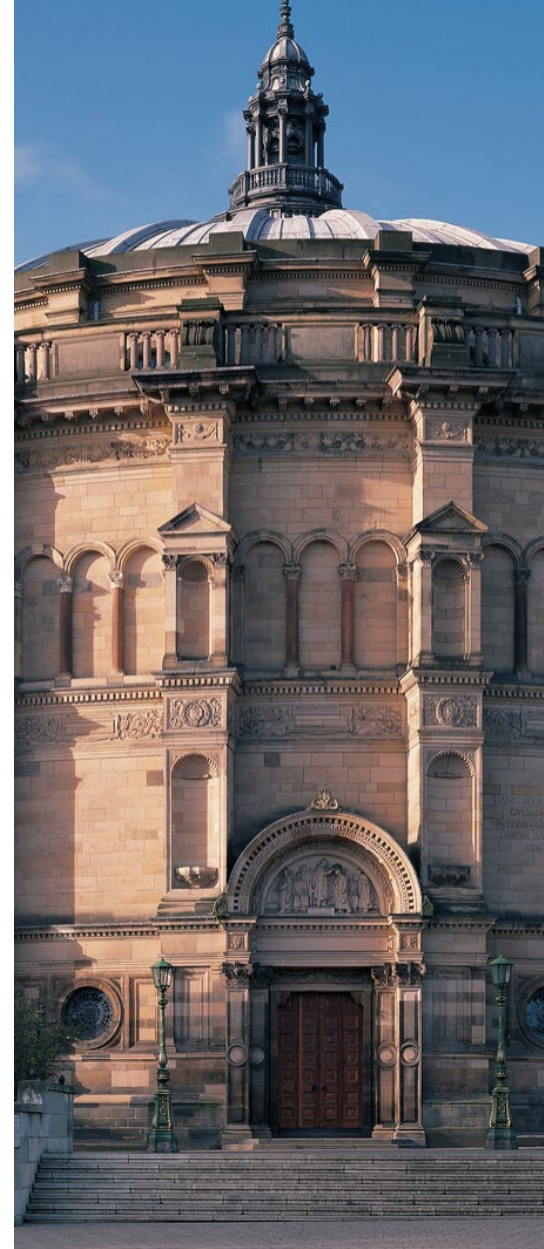
Dissertation / Placement (60 credits)

- Approved topic in the field of Human Rights
- 10,000 words
- Written between April-August
- Structured supervision to support your independent scholarly research
- An excellent foundation for doctoral research
- Students on the LLM in Human Rights have the chance to apply to complete a project-based report with an NGO, government department or other relevant business or organisation.



How you will learn

- Weekly two-hour interactive seminars per semester for each subject
- Active participation in discussions and advance reading expected
- Classes may also involve lectures, class debates, individual presentations, or group exercises for example.
- No exams
- Courses use a range of take-home assessments (e.g. essays, reports) or in-class work (oral presentations, class participation).



Sources of support during your studies

- Student Advisor
- Postgraduate Team
- Institute for Academic Development
- English Language Education
- Careers Service
- The Advice Place
- Student Wellbeing Service
- IT Support





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Thank you Any questions?

You can find a lot of useful information about the programme and how to apply on the Edinburgh Law School website.

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