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# Develop your knowledge of human rights law

## Overview

Knowledge of the international human rights system has become an essential requirement for those working to improve the situation of persons around the world.

Designed to fit around your commitments, this distance-learning course allows you to study this area part-time.

## Content

You will be provided with a thorough grounding in human rights law and systems, as well as the opportunity to pursue more specialist interests such as the rights of the child and international criminal law.

This course will help you obtain a sound theoretical understanding of human rights law and up to date knowledge of how international human rights standards and systems operate in practice.

## Structure

You will complete 30 credits of core modules and a further 30 credits from a choice of optional modules. For each module, you will be provided with extensive materials including basic text, case studies, further reading and self-test questions. You will have access to a reading pack of core academic articles. All material is provided online, and there will be academic support and a discussion forum for each module.

There is also an intensive residential weekend at the University of Nottingham. This provides the opportunity to develop understanding through traditional face-to-face teaching (lectures, seminars and workshops). These will be delivered mainly by academic staff from the University of Nottingham, with a few sessions also presented by guest lecturers.

The intensive teaching sessions constitute an important element of the programme. You are strongly encouraged to attend, although this is not compulsory.

## Modules

### Core

- United Nations Law
- Regional Human Rights Law: The Inter-American and African Systems

### Optional

- Business and Human Rights
- Economic and Social Rights
- The European Convention on Human Rights
- International Criminal Law
- The Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in International Law
- The Rights of the Child

## Entry requirements

Applicants require a 2:1 (or international equivalent) in law, humanities or social sciences; other relevant qualifications or experience also considered.

If English is not your first language, you must achieve IELTS 7.0 (no less than 7.0 in writing, 6.5 in reading, and 6.0 in speaking and listening).

“We are committed to the promotion and protection of human rights and the establishment and strengthening of the rule of law worldwide.”

Professor David Harris,  
Founder and Co-Director of the Human Rights  
Law Centre

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