

Master of Arts in International Human Rights

This degree is for students with academic or career interests in human rights and humanitarianism. Graduates typically seek and obtain positions in international non-profits, international rights advocacy organizations, international aid agencies, governmental and intergovernmental organizations, the human rights legal profession and academia. The program at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies is the leading interdisciplinary human rights program in the United States.

Because of its integrative and interdisciplinary nature, the human right curriculum leads to a flexible career options, linking human rights to development, health, security, humanitarian assistance, etc., and provides fascinating research possibilities beyond the MA degree. The program combines intellectual breadth and multidisciplinary grounding, specialized themes, and practical experience. For breadth, the core offers courses in human rights theory, history, law, foreign policy, and economic development. Our specialized themes include courses linking human rights to security, economic development, health, humanitarian assistance, administration, gender, etc. For practical experience, students are offered skills courses, internships, and opportunities for fieldwork crafted to enhance professional qualifications.

Ninety credit hours are required to complete the degree, which typically requires two years of full-time study. The degree may also be completed on a part-time basis.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. **International Studies Core:** one of the following (5 credits)
 - INTS 4501 Comparative Politics: States and Societies in the 21st Century
 - INTS 4324 International Political Economy
 - INTS 4900 International Politics
2. **Program Training Core:** Three courses, one from each section (15 credits)
 - **Section 1) Introductory course:** INTS 4940 Introduction to Human Rights (*REQUIRED*)
 - **Section 2) Human Rights Topics:** INTS 4707 Nuclear Ethics OR INTS 4947 Human Rights and International Security OR INTS 4941 Human Rights and International Organizations OR INTS 4987 Contemporary Slavery and Human Trafficking
 - **Section 3) Law and Human Rights:** INTS 4936 International Law and Human Rights OR INTS 4935 International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict
3. **Concentration:** 3 courses from the following lists: (Students may also create a concentration by completing at least three courses that are linked thematically. Concentrations must be approved by the Office of Student Affairs.)

Development and Human Rights

- INTS 4302 Ethics and Development
- INTS 4924 Democratization in the Middle East
- INTS 4379 Gender, Property Rights, & the Environment
- INTS 4455 Health and Human Rights
- INTS 4551 Sex and Class in Latin America
- INTS 4705 Democracy in Divided Societies
- INTS 4752 Sustainable Development and Terrorism
- INTS 4888 Gender, Human Rights, & Development
- INTS 4937 Human Rights and the International Refugee System
- INTS 4951 Human Rights and the Refugee System
- INTS 4942 The Future of Human Rights in a Globalized World
- INTS 4987 Contemporary Slavery & Human Trafficking
- INTS 4512 Ethics in Development, Health and Humanitarian Assistance
- INTS 4710 Topic: Human Rights in the Middle East

Gender and Human Rights

- INTS 4362 Gender and Health
- INTS 4379 Gender, Property Rights and the Environment

- INTS 4508 Gender Politics and Women's Rights in the Arab World
- INTS 4551 Sex and Class in Latin America
- INTS 4888 Gender, Development and Human Rights
- INTS 4987 Contemporary Slavery and Human Trafficking
- INTS 4488 Women in Politics: Theory and Practice in Global Context

Health and Human Rights

- INTS 4362 Gender and Health
- INTS 4367 Global Health Affairs (Theory and Practice)
- INTS 4455 Human Rights, Law and Health Care Policy
- INTS 4953 Health, Human Rights and Post-Conflict Development
- INTS 4512 Ethics in Development, Health and Humanitarian Assistance

Humanitarian Assistance and Human Rights (seek approval from certificate director for a seven course certificate)

- INTS 4427 Health and Humanitarian Aid
- INTS 4732 Homeland Defense: Response and Recovery
- INTS 4731 Security Studies and Crisis Management
- INTS 4935 International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict
- INTS 4953 Health, Human Rights and Post-Conflict Development
- INTS 4495 Civil Wars and International Responses I
- INTS 4595 Civil Wars and International Responses II
- INTS 4493 Humanitarian Aid in Complex Emergencies
- INTS 4937 Human Rights and the International Refugee System

International Administration, Law and Human Rights

- INTS 4391 Financial Management and Fundraising in Non-Profit Organizations
- INTS 4706 Organization and Group Dynamics
- INTS 4935 Humanitarian Law and the Laws of Armed Conflicts
- INTS 4936 International Law and Human Rights
- INTS 4941 Human Rights and International Organizations
- INTS 4948 Hatred and Group Conflict
- INTS 4945 International Law and Human Rights Advocacy
- INTS 4958 Restorative Justice
- INTS 4486 Contemporary Prosecutions in International Humanitarian law
- Plus approved courses from the law school

Political Economy and Human Rights

- INTS 4210 Multinational Corporations
- INTS 4370 Political Economy of Globalization
- INTS 4374 Normative Foundations of Economic Policy
- INTS 4428 Political Economy of Human Rights
- INTS 4957 Global Poverty and Human Rights

Security and Human Rights

- INTS 4714 International Security Challenges in the Middle East
- INTS 4734 Homeland Security, Civil Society and Human Rights
- INTS 4804 Realism and Democracy
- INTS 4851 Theories on Non-Violence
- INTS 4830 Power Morality and Foreign Policy
- INTS 4939 Human Rights: Genocide
- INTS 4947 Human Rights & International Security
- INTS 4753 Intelligence and National Security
- INTS 4601 Ethics and International Relations
- INTS 4709 Rethinking the War on Terrorism

Forced Labor, Human Trafficking and Human Rights

- INTS 4987 Contemporary Slavery and Human Trafficking (required)
- INTS 4051 Statistics II*
- INTS 4052 Statistics III*
- INTS 4954 Human Rights Research and Writing Seminar
- INTS 4966 Applied Field Methods
- INTS 4500 Social Science Methods
- INTS 4955 Human Trafficking Clinic (open only to HTC Associates)
- INTS 4936 International Law and Human Rights (3 credits)
- Plus other courses upon approval of the Director of the Human Trafficking Clinic

4. **Methodology/Skills Courses:** Four Courses (15-20 credits)

- INTS 4955 Human Rights Trafficking Clinic (only open to HTC Associates)
- INTS 4954 Human Rights Research & Design
- INTS 4497 International Campaign Management
- INTS 4391 Financial Management and Fundraising in Non-Profit Organizations
- INTS 4966 Applied Field Methods
- INTS 4933 International Project Analysis
- INTS 4500 Social Science Methods
- INTS 4052 Statistics II* **OR** INTS Statistics for International Affairs**
- INTS 4052 Statistics III*
- Plus other skills courses upon approval

* Stats II has a prerequisite of Stats I or, with permission of the instructor, successful completion of a placement exam.

**INTS 4057 is an accelerated course. Students should only enroll in this if they earned a score of 600 or better on the math section of the GRE exam.

5. **Foreign Language Proficiency:** Required

6. **Internship:** Required (up to 5 credits)

Note: students have the option to take INTS 4945 (Human Rights Practicum) to fulfill this degree requirement

7. **Thesis or Substantial Research Paper (SRP):** Optional (0-10 credits)

8. **Electives:** Electives to reach a total of **90** credits

DEGREE DIRECTOR

Claude d'Estrée, Degree Director and Lecturer in Law
JD, Northeastern University School of Law
MTS, Harvard University

For additional information about faculty, visit the [website](#).

STUDENT RESOURCES

[Center on Rights Development \(CORD\)](#)

[Center for International Human Rights Advocacy](#)

[Human Rights and Human Welfare Review](#)

[Human Trafficking Clinic](#)

CAREERS

Those Josef Korbel School students graduating with a MA in International Human Rights find themselves working with non-profit public and private organizations. We have alumni working with the American Red Cross, Human Rights First, UNDP, and the Migration Policy Institute to name a few.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Application
- Application fee (\$60 online fee)
- An official transcript from each college and university attended
- Official GRE test scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose (500-750 words)
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Visa eligibility document (I-20) (International students only)
- TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers)

DEADLINES

Please consult the [website](#) for the application deadline.

FINANCIAL AID

For information regarding federal funding (Stafford loans and PLUS loans) and private loans, please contact the University of Denver's Office of Financial Aid at 303. 871.4020 or visit its [website](#).

For information regarding departmental scholarships, contact the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at 303.871.2544 or visit our [website](#).

CONTACT US

Please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 303.871.2544 or email kobeladm@du.edu for more information.

*This description is not binding. For the most comprehensive and updated program descriptions and requirements, please review the MA Handbook on our website.