Gain a comprehensive understanding of human rights and humanitarianism through the leading interdisciplinary human rights program in the United States. The curriculum links human rights to development, health, security, humanitarian assistance, and more, and enables you to focus on the area of your specific interests. Explore issues of human dignity while critically examining the norms, processes, and institutions designed to promote and protect human rights. The MA in International Human Rights offers the opportunity to customize your program to fit special research interests and professional goals. With several professional academic groups staffed and run by students, including the Center on Human Rights Education, Human Trafficking Center, and Human Rights and Human Welfare, there are numerous opportunities to network and engage in research, writing, and educational outreach on a variety of topics.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**International Studies Core:** Choose from a set of dynamic courses that provide a broad understanding of international politics and economy. Course options are:

- Comparative Politics in the 21st Century, International Political Economy or International Politics
- Or a Political Theory course with permission of the Degree Director

**Program Training Core:** Select four training courses that provide you the knowledge necessary to succeed in your desired human rights career. Training course options are:

- Introduction to Human Rights (required)
- International Law and Human Rights (required)
- Human Rights and Foreign Policy
- Human Rights and International Organizations
- Discrimination, Minorities and Rights of Indigenous Peoples

**Methodology/Skills:** Select skills-based courses that will provide you the expertise to effectively interpret data, skillfully communicate and manage challenging issues that you will encounter throughout your professional path.


**Specialization:** Dive into a customized sequence of human rights courses that matter most to you—assembled by you, for you. Human Rights concentration options include:

- Development and Human Rights
- Health and Human Rights
- Humanitarian Assistance & Human Rights
- International Administration, Law & Human Rights
- Gender and Human Rights
- Political Economy and Human Rights
- Security and Human Rights
- Forced Labor, Human Trafficking and Human Rights
- Project Analysis, Management & Evaluation
- Conflict Resolution
INTERNSHIPS
MA students register an average of 225 internships annually, with roughly 50% completed in Colorado, 25% internationally, and 25% in the U.S. outside of Colorado. Additionally, roughly 50% of internships occur during the summer and 50% during the academic year. Some examples of where International Human Rights students have done internships are: Amnesty International, Free the Slaves, iEmpathize, Aspen Institute, FBI, and USAID.

CAREERS
Graduates of the International Human Rights program have pursued careers in international non-profits, rights advocacy organizations and aid agencies, along with governmental and intergovernmental organizations, the human rights legal profession, and academia. Examples of where our alumni are working include: UNDP Nepal, World Relief, ACLU of Colorado, and Physicians for Human Rights.

APPLICATION MATERIALS
- Application
- Application fee ($65 online fee)
- One official transcript from each higher education institution you have attended (including English translations when applicable). Send transcripts in an official, sealed envelope bearing an official stamp from the Registrar’s Office across the envelope’s seal.
- Official GRE test scores (University of Denver code is: 4842)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (500-750 words)
  - Explain why you have chosen to pursue a graduate degree in International Human Rights and how the degree program will prepare you to reach your specific career goals.
- Resume

International Students
- Financial Verification Form and Supplement for International Applicants
- TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers; University of Denver code is 4842)

CLASS PROFILE
Each year approximately 180 students enroll in master’s programs at the Josef Korbel School.
Average GRE Scores:
  - Verbal: 157
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Average Age: 26 years
Age Range: 21-54
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