

Interdisciplinary Certificate in International Law and Human Rights

Josef Korbel School of International Studies and Sturm College of Law

The Joint Certificate in International Law and Human Rights allows graduate students at both the Josef Korbel School of International Studies (Korbel) and the Sturm College of Law (Sturm) to pursue interdisciplinary studies in international human rights law. For decades, students at Korbel and Sturm have shown a strong interest in international human rights law while both schools have historically offered a broad range of courses in the area. Moreover, students from both schools have gone on to careers in various aspects of international human rights work. The Joint Certificate in International Law and Human Rights integrates the strengths and many course offerings at each school with the goal of enriching and deepening the students' understanding of international law and human rights, which they may then carry over into the job market.

Completing the certificate requires 35 quarter hours (for Korbel students) or 24 semester hours of credit (for Sturm students). By its nature, the certificate also requires taking courses both on the quarter system (at Korbel) and on the semester system (at Sturm). These are the same courses, just taken for different numbers of credit because of the differences between the quarter and semester systems for Korbel and Sturm, respectively. Generally, students take half their coursework at the Korbel School (including one or two core courses and two to three electives) and half their coursework at the Sturm College of Law (including one or two core courses and two or three electives).

Coursework in their home school will count toward meeting the requirements of the degree program into which they were originally admitted. In addition, up to 10 semester/15 quarter hours of their coursework at the school which is not their home institution work can count toward their original degree. A Korbel School student, needing to complete 35 quarter credit hours to meet the requirements of the certificate, could take 18 of those quarter hours as courses at the Korbel School, 15 quarter hours/10 semester hours as courses at the Sturm College of Law applied toward the requirements of their Korbel Master's Degree and an additional two quarter hours over and above any requirements for their Korbel Master's Degree ($18 + 15 + 2 = 35$). Each student would elect a different mix of quarter and semester hour courses based on their educational objectives.

*Certificate Requirements**

Total Quarter hours required to complete the Certificate: 35

INTS = Korbel School courses; L= Sturm College of Law Courses

1. Core Courses (3 courses):

- L4320- International Law (*required*)
- INTS 4936 – International Law & Human Rights (*required*) or
- INTS 4940 – Introduction to Human Rights (*required*)
- L 4319 - International Human Rights (*required*)

2. Electives (each student should take 4 or 5: 2 from Korbel and 2 from Sturm)

Josef Korbel School Electives

- INTS 4630 Civilian Protection in Armed Conflict
- INTS 4920 Conflict Resolution
- INTS 4463 Discrimination, Minorities, and Indigenous Peoples
- INTS 4987 Forced Labor & Human Trafficking
- INTS 4364 Global Poverty & Human Rights
- INTS 4734 Homeland Security, Civil Society and Human Rights
- INTS 4875 Human Rights & Foreign Policy
- INTS 4941 – Human Rights & International Organizations
- INTS 4937 – Human Rights & the Refugee System
- INTS 4935 – International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (IHL/LOAC)
- INTS 4929 International Migration Law & Policy
- INTS 4624 – Private Actors in Conflict
- INTS 4930 – Rule of Law
- INTS 4710 – Topic: Human Rights in the Middle East
- INTS 4911 – Torture

Sturm College of Law Electives

- L 4133 – Corporate Social Responsibility
- L 4135 – Comparative Law
- L 4137 – Comparative Environmental Law
- L 4168 – Constitutional Litigation Seminar
- L 4260 – Gender and the Law
- L 4288 – International and Human Rights Law of Indigenous People
- L 4300 – Federal Indian Law
- L 4706 – International Criminal Procedure
- L 4303 – Genocide and War Crimes Prosecution Practicum
- L 4309 or L 4707 – International Law and the Use of Force
- L 4317 – International Environmental Law
- L 4543 – Sexual Orientation and the Law
- L 4701 – Community Expectations in Sustainable Development of Natural Resources
- L 4703 – International Organizations

Degrees Practicum/Internship or Externship (required)

Students must complete at least one practicum, internship, or externship as part of the program. You must get pre-approval from the Directors for the practicum, internship, or externship to count towards the Certificate. If you will receive course credit for an approved practicum, internship, or externship, those credits can also count toward the credits required for the Certificate. Students who do not receive course credit for an internship or externship must also complete a written report of their experience of at least 15 pages. The requirement of a practicum, internship, or externship can be satisfied in one the following ways:

- Practicum;
- Externship for credit completed through the Sturm Externship Program (for law students--please note that this also requires you to apply separately to the Sturm Externship Program); or
- A Not-for-Credit Internship (for example, through the Korbel Office of Career and Professional Development).

Writing Requirement (required)

Students must complete a writing requirement as part of the program. This requirement is satisfied by a course in the Certificate Program that requires a research paper of at least 20 pages or more, or by a research paper written outside of a course under the supervision of one of the Directors.

Certificate Co-Directors

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