

## Master of Arts in International Human Rights

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 the 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 Rights Development, Human Trafficking Center and Human Rights and Human Welfare, there are numerous opportunities to network and engage in research, writing and educational outreach on human trafficking, forced labor and modern slavery.

Time Commitment and Format	Start Dates	GRE	Credits	Thesis	Internship	Foreign Language Proficiency	Degree Director
2 years, full-time	September or January	Required	90	Optional	Required	Required	Claude d'Estrée, M.T.S., J.D.

### *Degree Requirements\**

1. **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 21<sup>st</sup> Century, International Political Economy, or International Politics
  - Or a Political Theory course with permission of the Degree Director
2. **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
3. **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.
  - Examples of Skills and Methodology courses are: Statistics for International Affairs, Financial Management and Fundraising in Non-Profits, Non-Profit Management: Issues & Techniques, Seminar on Community-Based Research, Applied Field Methods, International Futures, Global Change, and Development, International Campaign and Human Rights Management, International Project Analysis, Project Management, International Project Evaluation.
4. **Concentration:** Dive into a customized sequence of human rights courses that matter most to you - assembled by you, for you. Human Rights concentration options include:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Development and Human Rights</li> <li>➤ Health and Human Rights</li> <li>➤ Humanitarian Assistance &amp; Human Rights</li> <li>➤ International Administration, Law &amp; Human Rights</li> <li>➤ Gender and Human Rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Political Economy and Human Rights</li> <li>➤ Security and Human Rights</li> <li>➤ Forced Labor, Human Trafficking and Human Rights</li> <li>➤ Project Analysis, Management &amp; Evaluation</li> <li>➤ Conflict Resolution</li> </ul>
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5. Additional Information can be found at [www.du.edu/korbel](http://www.du.edu/korbel).

### ***Internships***

MA students register an average of 225 internships annually, with roughly ½ completed in Colorado, ¼ internationally, and ¼ in the U.S. outside of Colorado. Additionally, roughly ½ of internships occur during the summer and ½ during the academic year. Some examples of where International Human Rights students have done internships are: Amnesty International, Free the Slaves, iEmpathize, 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.

### ***Graduate Admissions Requirements***

- 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 (the University of Denver code is: 4842)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (500-750 words)
  - What is your career goal upon completing your graduate degree and what are your longer-term career goals?
  - Explain why you have chosen to pursue a graduate degree and how the degree program you have chosen will prepare you to reach your specific career goals.
  - What skills and previous experiences have helped position you to reach your career goals and how will the Josef Korbel School help you achieve these goals?
- Resume
- Visa eligibility documents (I-20) (International students only)
- TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers) (the University of Denver code is 4842)

### ***Class Profile***

- Average GRE Scores (new scoring system):
  - Verbal: 157
  - Quantitative: 151
- Average GPA: 3.41
- Average Age: 26 years
- Age Range: 21-54
- Average Class size: 20
- Females: 55%
- Males: 45%
- Non-US Students: 10.6%
- Citizenships represented: 27
- Each year, about 200 students enroll in the MA programs at the Josef Korbel School