

# Postgraduate Virtual **Open Days**

## LLM in Human Rights

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# Why Edinburgh?

- The University is ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the world, 10<sup>th</sup> in Europe and 6<sup>th</sup> in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2026)
- We are ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the world, 5<sup>th</sup> in Europe and 5<sup>th</sup> in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025 by subject: law)
- The city of Edinburgh is ranked =15<sup>th</sup> Best Student City in the world and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK (QS Best Student Cities 2026)



# Our Community

- Become part of a diverse and welcoming student community
- Student-led social life: Edinburgh Law School Postgraduate Student Society
- Law School's world-class facilities based in historic Old College



# Beyond the classroom

- A world-class library of resources
- Extracurricular lectures and seminars by invited experts
- Student organised social events

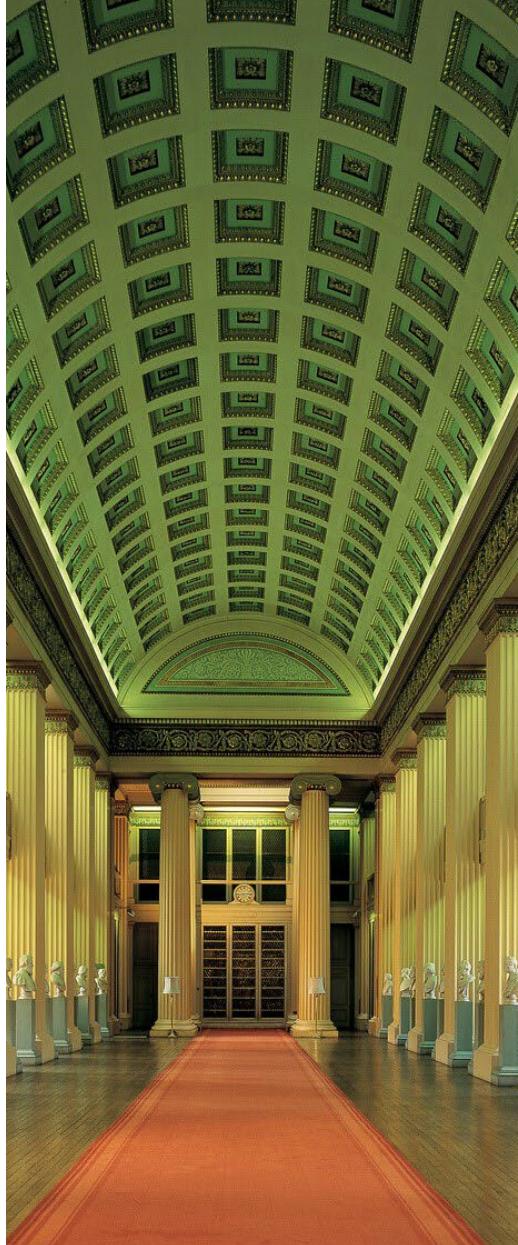


# LLM in Human Rights

The programme is designed to provide you with a theoretical and practical understanding of international human rights law in its broader political context.

Emphasis on human rights in a world of transition, including conflict situations or other political and societal movements.

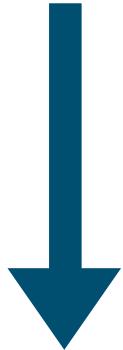
A flexible structure with interdisciplinary options that enable you to tailor your curriculum to best suit your individual interests and career plans.



# LLM Degree Structure

Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation



# Courses\*

Compulsory course:

- International Human Rights (20 credits)

\*An illustrative list of the courses that may be offered in the 2026-27 academic year.  
Please note that not all of the courses listed will be offered and these will be confirmed in May 2026.



# Core Courses

Select between 60 and 100 credits from:

- Fundamental Issues in International Law (40 credits)
- Inter-state Conflict and Humanitarian Law (20 credits)
- Human Rights and Conflict Resolution (20 credits)
- Human Rights Clinic (20 credits)
- Child Law in Comparative Perspectives (20 credits)
- Citizenship in Europe (20 credits)
- EU Immigration and Asylum Law (20 credits)
- LGBT Rights: A Legal Perspective (20 credits)
- Law and Power in the Muslim World (20 credits)
- Current Issues in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights ( 20 credits)



# Optional courses

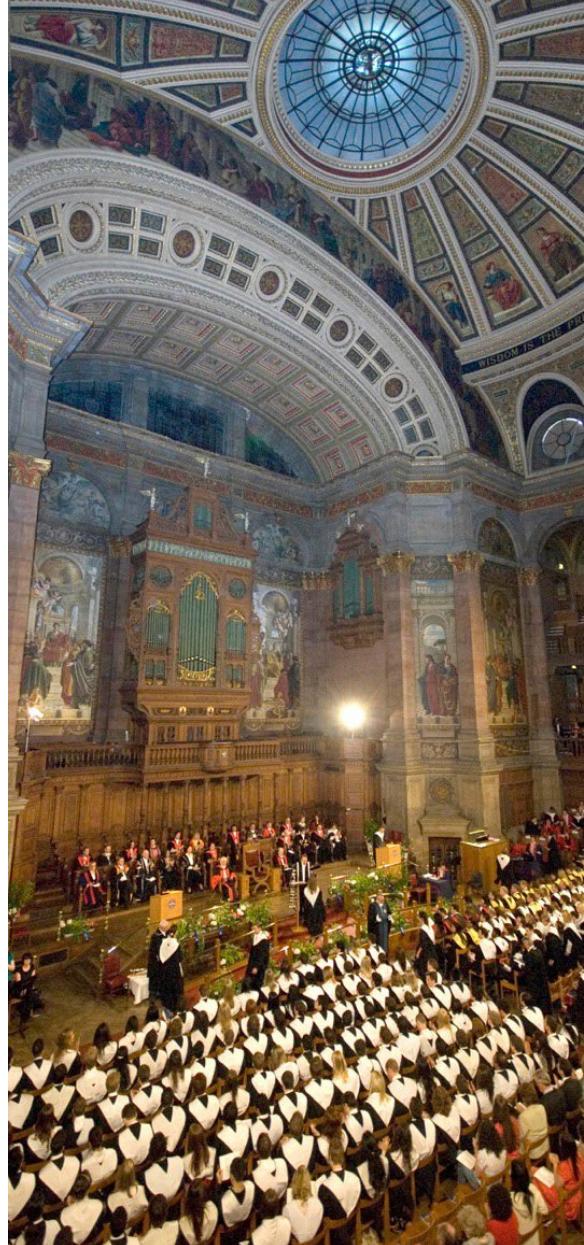
Select between 0 and 40 credits from:

- Global Childhoods and Human Rights (20 credits)
- Surveillance and Security (20 credits)
- Global Crime and Security (20 credits)
- Advanced Comparative Constitutional Law (20 credits)
- Mental Health Law (20 credits)
- Cybercrime and Cyber Security (20 credits)
- Outer Space Law and Policy (20 credits)
- The Rule of Law (20 credits)
- International Relations Theory (20 credits)
- Gender and Development (20 credits)
- Refugees, Health and Humanitarian Action (20 credits)
- Pursuing Justice and Violence (20 credits)



# Dissertation

- Approved topic in the field of Human Rights
- 10,000 words
- Written between April-August
- Structured supervision to support your independent scholarly research
- An excellent foundation for doctoral research



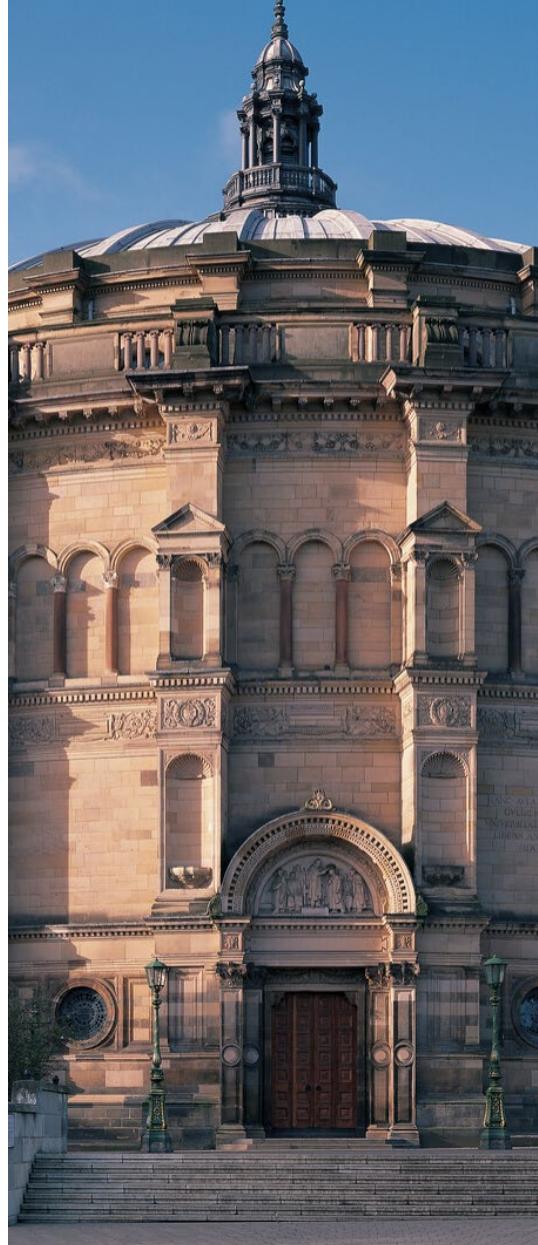
# The Placement

- As an alternative to the conventional dissertation, some students may have the chance to apply to complete a project-based report with an NGO, government department, political party, or other relevant business or organisation during the spring and summer.
- You will undertake a research project on a human rights topic linked to the activities of your respective host. The research projects will need to be officially approved by the programme director, and you will have a relevant member of staff as a contact, in parallel with the arrangement for dissertation supervision.
- Project opportunities will be made available on a competitive basis, with applications made at the start of semester two.



# How you will learn

- Weekly two-hour interactive seminars per semester for each subject
- Active participation in discussions and advance reading expected
- Classes may also involve lectures, class debates, individual presentations, or group exercises for example.
- No exams
- Courses use a range of take-home assessments (e.g. essays, reports) or in-class work (oral presentations, class participation).



# Sources of support during your studies

- Student Advisor
- Postgraduate Team
- English Language Education
- Careers Service
- The Advice Place
- Student Wellbeing Service
- IT Support



# Application deadlines

Round	Application deadline	Decisions by
1	15 December 2025	19 March 2026
2	04 May 2026	30 June 2026

- We will make as many offers as possible to the strongest candidates on an ongoing basis.
- We recommend that you apply as early as possible.
- Applications may close earlier than published deadlines if there is exceptionally high demand.





# Thank you Any questions?

You can find a lot of useful information about the programme and how to apply on the Edinburgh Law School website.

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