

Postgraduate Virtual **Open Days**

LLM in Human Rights

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Why Edinburgh?

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



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Beyond the classroom

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

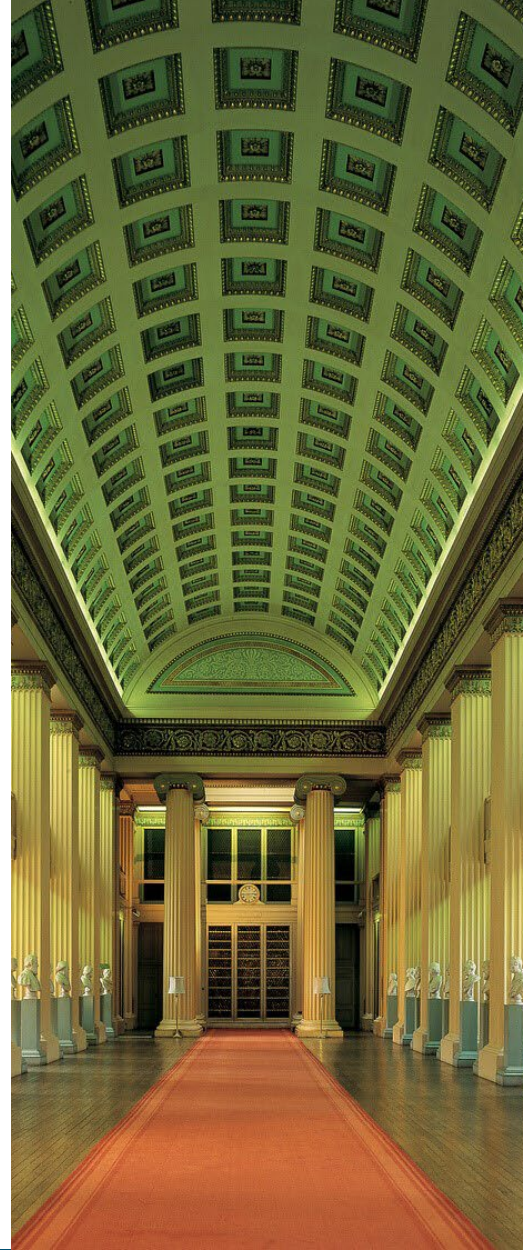


LLM in Human Rights

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.



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LLM Degree Structure

Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful
completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation



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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



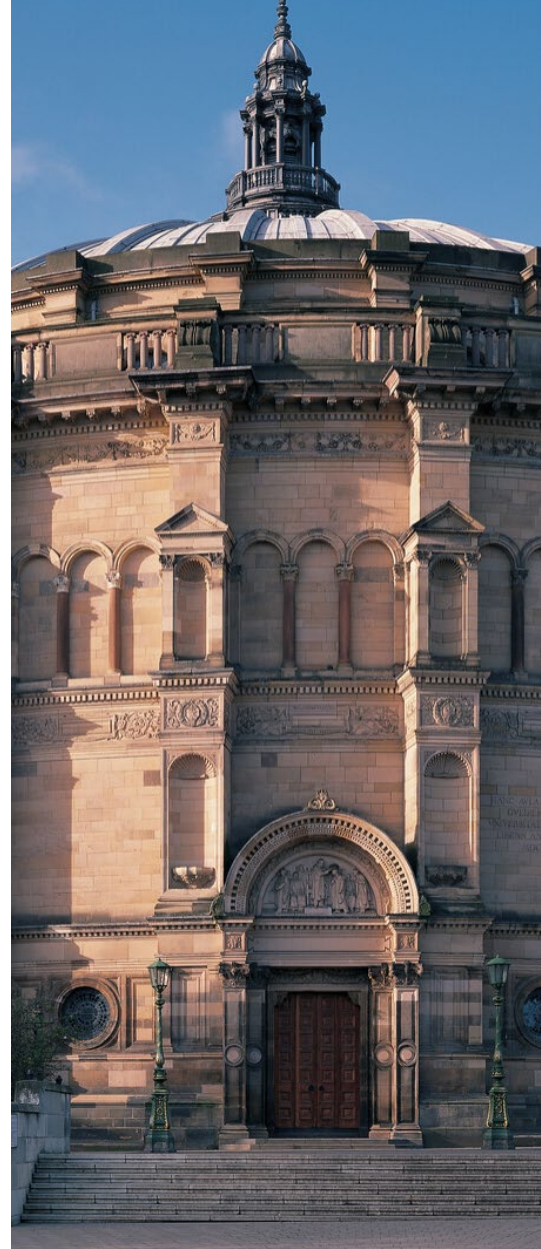
The Placement

- 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



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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.





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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.

Visit: www.law.ed.ac.uk

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