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MSc Human Rights and Diplomacy



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WHY AN MSc HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIPLOMACY?

Our MSc Human Rights and Diplomacy is taught in partnership with the leading training body of the United Nations: the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

Alongside modules introducing students to human rights law and politics, the UN human rights institutions, their history and their philosophical foundations, students will be given practical training from experienced

UN personnel in negotiating, drafting documents, and learning how to make a difference.

The course includes workshops, seminar-based learning, case studies, simulation exercises, and participation in a study trip to UNITAR in Geneva, to observe the Human Rights Council in session, and to engage interactively with practitioners from the United Nations working on Human Rights.

IS THE MSc HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIPLOMACY FOR ME?

Students can come to the course direct from undergraduate study in areas such as law, politics, philosophy international relations and history.

However, those already in employment are also strongly encouraged to apply, especially those seeking to upgrade their skills or pursue a career change.

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INFORMATION
ON COURSE
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RESEARCH & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The MSc Human Rights and Diplomacy is a gateway to employment either in the public and private sector – including the UN agencies, civil service, NGOs and business corporations – or to further academic research through a PhD building on the Masters.

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ABOUT FUNDING
OPPORTUNITIES AT:

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scholarships](http://stir.ac.uk/scholarships)

Students will have the opportunity to apply to pursue an internship in one of the UN Agencies worldwide as part of their Masters. This list includes, but is not limited to, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the World Health Organisation, the International Labour Organisation or the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva, the United Nations Development Programme or the UN Children's Fund in New York, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations in Rome, or in one of the UN Regional Economic Commissions in Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Beirut, Geneva, Nairobi, Santiago de Chile.

Students also have the option to pursue professional projects locally to Stirling, nationally or internationally by establishing an arrangement with a public, private or third sector organisation engaging with human rights work.

Thirdly, the Masters will offer the possibility of completing an academic dissertation for PhD programmes. This includes facilitating access to the new taught Diplomacy Doctorate at the University of Stirling as well as other traditional PhD routes in law, philosophy, history and politics.

Five Reasons

YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE



1

Unique one-year Masters taught in partnership with the lead training entity of the UN.

(UNITAR)

4

Interactive immersion within the UN and Geneva's multilateral working environments on a Study Visit to Geneva.

2

Taught by top academic researchers alongside experienced UN human rights and diplomacy practitioners.

5

Unique flexibility in final 3 months of the course: opportunity to apply for a highly desirable internship/ opportunity to pursue projects with human rights organisations/ opportunity for a traditional dissertation, preparatory for PhD.

3

Integrated combination of theory and practice.



COURSE OVERVIEW

The MSc contains core modules related to Human Rights as well as a range of option modules to explore issues in more depth. The MSc is taught from January to mid-December, with work in the Autumn on the dissertation or internship at UN Agency or Regional Economic Commission or work on professional project with national/international human rights institution or NGO.

Full-time: 12 months

MODULES

Semester 1: The MSc combines core modules in Human Rights Practice and Human Rights Theory with a choice from four optional modules.

Semester 2: The additional core modules are Approaches to Human Rights and Skills for the International Human Rights Institutions and Preparation for Independent Work.

The Geneva visit will take place during this semester.

Semester 3: Choice from an internship at UN Agency or Regional Economic Commission or work on professional project with national/international human rights institution or NGO, or academic dissertation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a second class Honours degree (2.1 preferred) or equivalent is normally required. Applicants without these formal qualifications but with significant relevant experience are encouraged to apply.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of your proficiency such as a minimum IELTS score 6.5 with 6.0 in speaking and listening and 6.5 in reading and writing or IBT TOEFL score of 90 with minimum 23 in reading and writing and minimum 20 in speaking and listening.

If you do not meet the required score, you may be able to register for one of our pre-sessional English courses. To register you must hold a conditional offer for your course and have an IELTS score 0.5 or 1.0 below the required standard.

In order to be considered for the internship applicants will need English language skills of IELTS 7.0 (6.5 in each band).

Students will be expected to negotiate and communicate at the highest level, and therefore this level of language proficiency is required for the internship:

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TUITION FEES & FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at: stir.ac.uk/1lj

For Scottish students and EU domiciled students, this course is currently approved for PTFL (Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan) funding from SAAS. For more information, please visit: saas.gov.uk

You can find up to date financial information and funding opportunities here: stir.ac.uk/scholarships

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