

## MC-HUMRLAW Master of Human Rights Law

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2016 - Parkville
<b>CRICOS Code:</b>	088072A
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>	100 credit points taken over 12 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Professor Dianne Otto and Professor John Tobin
<b>Contact:</b>	<p><b>Melbourne Law School</b></p> <p>Currently enrolled students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># <a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/current-students">General information</a> (<a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/current-students">http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/current-students</a>)</li> <li># <a href="mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au">law-masters@unimelb.edu.au</a> (<a href="mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au">mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au</a>)</li> </ul> <p>Future students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># <a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/">Melbourne Law School</a> (<a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/</a>)</li> <li># <a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/course-details/cid/1178">Course enquiry</a> (<a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/course-details/cid/1178">http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/course-details/cid/1178</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Course Overview:</b>	The specialisation in human rights law offers the widest range of human rights subjects in Australia. Many world-renowned experts teach in the program, offering students exciting opportunities to examine a range of human rights instruments, institutions, theories and practices in contemporary context. The program is particularly relevant to lawyers currently working, or planning to work, in the field of human rights, as well as those with a non-law background working in development agencies and other human rights-related organisations in Australia and around the world.
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>Graduates of the Master of Human Rights Law will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Have an advanced and integrated knowledge of international and domestic legal and institutional frameworks for the protection and promotion of human rights</li> <li># Be able to understand and critically examine the interrelationships between international, regional and domestic histories, philosophies, policies and practices of human rights law</li> <li># Be an engaged, informed and open-minded participant in debates about the contested universality of international human rights and its application in diverse domestic jurisdictions</li> <li># Be able to make a sophisticated assessment of the practical effectiveness of different mechanisms for implementing or enforcing human rights, including domestic and regional courts, specialised tribunals, national human rights institutions, human rights treaty bodies, international institutions and specialised agencies, nongovernmental organisations and international criminal courts</li> <li># Have an advanced appreciation of the relationship between law and politics, at the international and domestic levels, in the field of human rights law</li> <li># Have the cognitive and technical skills to independently examine and critically evaluate current issues by reference to international and domestic human rights standards</li> <li># Be able to analyse, interpret and assess the challenges posed to the implementation of international human rights obligations in the context of globalisation, particularly the increased threat to human rights presented by non-state actors and efforts to develop and strengthen accountability protocols and other mechanisms</li> <li># Be able to demonstrate autonomy, expert judgment and responsibility as a practitioner and advocate in the field of human rights law.</li> </ul>
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>Students must complete eight subjects in total. All students must complete the subject <i>International Human Rights Law</i>.</p> <p>Students who do not have a law degree from a common law jurisdiction must complete <i>Fundamentals of the Common Law</i>, as well as seven subjects from the prescribed list.</p>

Students with a law degree from a common law jurisdiction must complete at least seven subjects from the prescribed human rights law subjects and may choose an eighth subject from those available in the Melbourne Law Masters (excluding *Fundamentals of the Common Law*).

**Subject Options:**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS70382 Business and Human Rights	May	12.5
LAWS90058 Comparative Human Rights Law	May	12.5
LAWS70413 Criminal Law, Poverty and Justice	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70337 Criminal Procedure and Human Rights	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS90018 Development, Labour and Human Rights	March	12.5
LAWS70025 Equality and Discrimination at Work	June	12.5
LAWS70446 Equality Law Internationally	July	12.5
LAWS70217 Fundamentals of the Common Law	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.5
LAWS70451 Health Law and Human Rights	March	12.5
LAWS70422 Human Rights and Armed Conflict	May	12.5
LAWS70452 Human Rights and Climate Change	September	12.5
LAWS70453 Human Rights and Culture	August	12.5
LAWS90044 Human Rights and Economic Globalisation	August	12.5
LAWS70091 Human Rights and Terrorism	August	12.5
LAWS90045 Human Rights and Universality	November	12.5
LAWS70391 Human Rights at Work	December	12.5
LAWS70360 Human Rights Beyond Borders	March	12.5
LAWS70196 Human Rights in Administrative Law	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70186 Human Rights Litigation and Advocacy	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70114 Human Rights of Groups	November	12.5
LAWS70171 Human Rights, Women and Development	June	12.5
LAWS70454 Human Rights: From Morality to Law	August	12.5
LAWS70264 International Human Rights Law	February	12.5
LAWS70120 International Law and Children's Rights	August	12.5
LAWS70067 International Legal Internship	Summer Term, Semester 1, Semester 2, Winter Term	12.5
LAWS70365 International Migration Law	April	12.5
LAWS70366 International Refugee Law	July	12.5
LAWS70394 International Refugee Law:Refugee Rights	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70367 Law of Democracy	Not offered 2016	12.5

	LAWS70430 Poverty, Human Rights and Development	April	12.5
	LAWS90049 Reimagining Human Rights Law	June	12.5
	LAWS70461 Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict	Not offered 2016	12.5
	LAWS70403 Statehood in International Law	Not offered 2016	12.5
	LAWS70122 Trade, Human Rights and Development	April	12.5
	LAWS70118 Women, War and Peacebuilding	September	12.5
<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	<p># A degree in law (LLB, JD or equivalent) leading to admission to practice, at honours standard, or equivalent;  <b>or</b>  # A degree in law (LLB, JD or equivalent) leading to admission to practice, or equivalent and two years of documented relevant professional experience;  <b>or</b>  # An undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline and two years of documented relevant professional experience;  <b>or</b>  # An undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline; and successful completion of four subjects in a cognate graduate diploma and one year of documented relevant professional experience.</p> <p>The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Academic Board <b>rules</b> (<a href="http://about.unimelb.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1413727/Use-of-Selection-Instruments-Rules-of-the-Academic-Board-23-March-2015.pdf">http://about.unimelb.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1413727/Use-of-Selection-Instruments-Rules-of-the-Academic-Board-23-March-2015.pdf</a>) on the use of selection instruments.</p>		
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>The Melbourne Law Masters welcomes applications from students with disabilities. The inherent academic requirements for study in the Melbourne Law Masters are: The ability to attend a minimum of 75% of classes and actively engage in the analysis and critique of complex materials and debate; The ability to read, analyse and comprehend complex written legal materials and complex interdisciplinary materials; The ability to clearly and independently communicate in writing a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and to critically evaluate these; The ability to clearly and independently communicate orally a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and critically evaluate these; The ability to work independently and as a part of a group; The ability to present orally and in writing legal analysis to a professional standard. Students who feel their disability will inhibit them from meeting these inherent academic requirements are encouraged to contact the Disability Liaison Unit: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a></p>		
<b>Further Study:</b>	<p>A student who completes a masters degree in the Melbourne Law Masters is eligible to apply for entry to the PhD program.</p>		
<b>Graduate Attributes:</b>	<p>Advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the relevant area(s) of law The specialist focus of the Melbourne Law Masters, the constant review and renewal of subjects and courses to ensure coverage of recent developments, the range and expertise of instructors from Australia and around the world, and regular advice from MLM advisory boards combine to ensure that courses and subjects reflect emerging knowledge and ideas. Ability to investigate, evaluate, synthesise and apply existing knowledge in the relevant area(s) with creativity and initiative Small classes, a discussion-based environment and the emphasis on quality teaching and learning create an environment in which knowledge is exchanged, critically examined and adapted to current circumstances. Well-developed problem solving abilities, characterised by flexibility of approach Most subjects approach knowledge by reference to various issues or problems. Students are required to critically analyse problems and identify and develop a range of appropriate solutions through class discussion, individual study and assessment tasks. Advanced competencies in legal research and analysis Class preparation and class discussions are designed to enhance these skills, which are tested in all forms of assessment. All graduates of an LLM will have demonstrated, through subject assessment, the ability to use their research skills to plan, develop and execute substantial research-based project(s) and/or piece(s) of scholarship. Capacity to effectively communicate complex legal ideas and theories, orally and in writing, to a variety of audiences Classroom discussion and formal presentations provide an opportunity to hone oral communication skills, and written assessment tasks are graded</p>		

in part on written communication skills. Appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original research Research papers and other research tasks are expected to attain a degree of creativity, originality and discovery that befits a postgraduate program of the highest quality, and students are encouraged and assisted to publish original work of a high standard in refereed journals. Capacity to manage competing demands on time and ability to work with a high level of autonomy and accountability The demanding nature of graduate study requires effective time-management skills from all students and an ability to work independently and be accountable for commitment to study and output, as demonstrated through class attendance, engagement and assessment. The rigour of our programs, whether undertaken part-time or full-time, ensures that all successful graduates have enhanced time-management skills and the ability to work with relative autonomy. Profound respect for truth and intellectual integrity, including the ethics of scholarship Some subjects have a substantive ethical component. All instructors have a respect for intellectual integrity and are skilled scholars or practitioners in their own right. Appreciation of the way in which knowledge provides a foundation for leadership Instructors in the Melbourne Law Masters are leaders in their fields, and many subjects involve visiting academics, exposing students to a wider array of leaders in a range of legal fields. The Law School is committed to the significance of knowledge, which informs all regular programs and a wide range of additional activities. Capacity to value and participate in teamwork Small class sizes and an intensive teaching format are valuable in encouraging group dynamics and teamwork. Understanding of the significance and value of knowledge to the wider community Law and legal knowledge are a community resource. In some subjects, this perspective is covered explicitly by the syllabus and the manner in which issues are treated in class. In addition, our diverse student body ensures that a range of perspectives on the way law impacts on the community are identified and analysed. Capacity to engage with issues in contemporary society Our programs focus on the most up-to-date legal knowledge, analysing current issues and problems through the curriculum design, classroom discussion and assessment tasks. International students are also invited to participate in extracurricular activities to aid understanding of Australian law and legal institutions. Advanced working skills in the use of new technology The most advanced IT infrastructure is available to Melbourne Law Masters students in the Law Library, the Moot Court Room, classroom settings and for private study.

**Links to further information:**

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