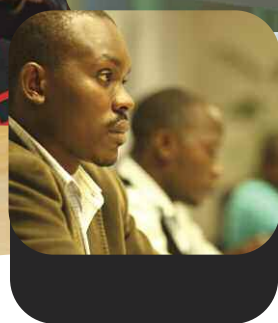
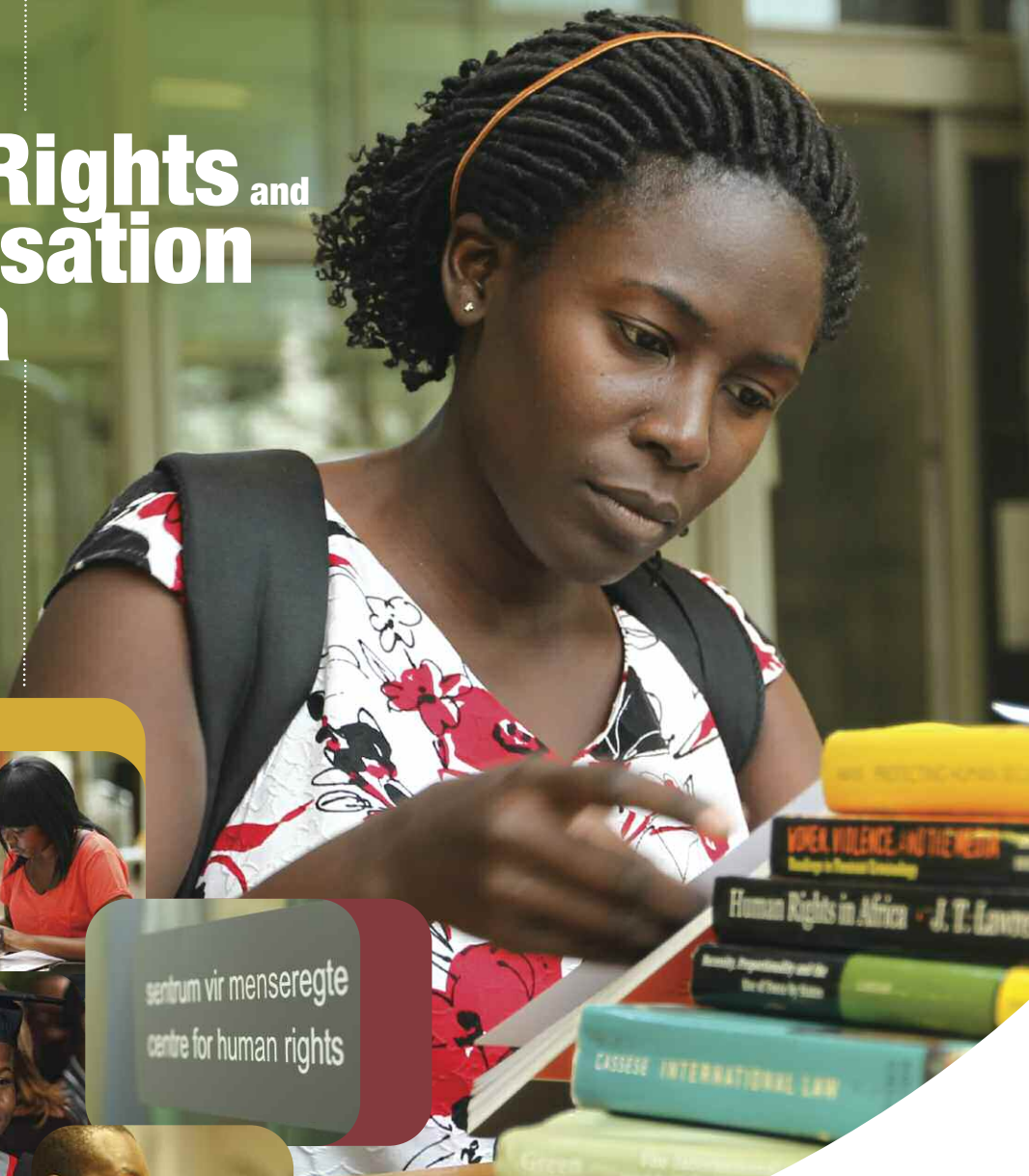


Master's
in **Human Rights** and
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in **Africa**



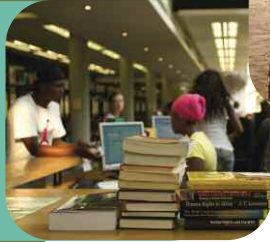
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Introduction

The Master's (LLM/MPhil) in Human Rights and Democratisation programme is presented by the Centre for Human Rights (CHR) at the University of Pretoria (South Africa), in partnership with 11 leading African universities. The programme was established in the year 2000.

Each year, 30 students from African countries are admitted to pursue the one-year degree programme. The first semester is spent in Pretoria and the second semester at one of the partner universities. By the end of 2012, 375 students from 37 countries have graduated from the programme.

In 2006, CHR was awarded the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education with the LLM/MPhil being cited as a flagship programme that had contributed "to the advancement of a human rights culture by means of education and training of professionals in South Africa, other countries on the continent and beyond."

In 2012 the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights awarded its first ever NGO Prize for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights to the Centre for Human Rights. The award was based primarily on the positive and far-reaching influence of the Masters programme.

Coursework: A blend of classroom theory and experiential learning

Instruction is by way of formal lectures, discussion groups and practical exercises. Emphasis is placed on classroom participation. On-site study visits provide an excellent opportunity to interact with world experts who make a personal contribution to the general experience.

The programme is multi-disciplinary in nature, covering disciplines such as political science, conflict resolution, project management and philosophy.

During the first semester, each student is assigned to one of the Centre's Human Rights Clinics, to work on a specific outcomes-based practical human rights task or question.

Academic structure of the programme

The programme is presented through 8 modules.

First semester

Module 1:	Methodology of human rights research and education
Module 2:	Democratisation in Africa
Module 3:	International and comparative human rights
Module 4:	Human rights in Africa
Module 5:	Introduction to the South African legal system and Bill of Rights
Module 6:	Human rights in the field (on-site study visits)

In addition to the above modules students 'defend' their dissertation proposals before a panel of academics.

Second semester

Module 7:	Accredited courses (human rights courses at the host university and a professional attachment at a local human rights organisation)
Module 8:	Dissertation

Additionally, throughout the year, all students study one language: French, Portuguese, or intensive English.

On-site study visits

Students undertake a study visit to investigate a chosen human rights or democracy issue. These trips expose the students to challenges in the areas of human rights and democratisation. The class is divided into groups with each group going to a different destination.

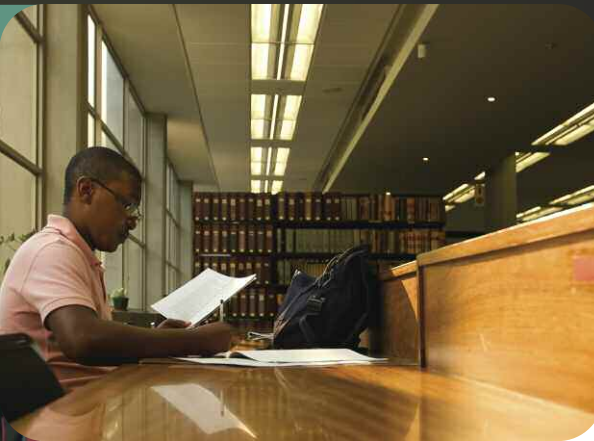
Students have undertaken study visits around such themes as international tribunals, genocide, post conflict reconstruction, state formation, HIV/AIDS, xenophobia, traditional leadership, and post-election violence.

Over the years on-site study visits have been undertaken to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, South Africa, Southern Sudan, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

In addition:

- Students visit the Constitutional Court of South Africa, where they attend a case and write a judgment.
- In some years students attend sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- Some students take part in election observation missions and have done so in Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Each year, one or two students participate in a field trip to Kosovo with students of the European Human Rights Master's Programme (EMA), which is based in Venice, Italy.



Lecturers

The lecturers who teach on the course are drawn from various parts of the world. They are experts in specific areas of human rights and come from academia, government, the judiciary, international organisations and the NGO sector. In the presentation of the course, particular attention is paid to human rights and democratisation as seen from an African perspective.

Partner universities

- Université d'Abomey Calavi (Benin)
- Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)
- Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale (Cameroon)
- Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Moçambique)
- Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis (Senegal)
- University of Ghana
- University of Lagos (Nigeria)
- Makerere University (Uganda)
- University of Mauritius
- University of Pretoria (South Africa)
- University of Venda (South Africa)
- University of the Western Cape (South Africa)

Alumni association

An alumni association was formed in 2009 with a full time Alumni Coordinator who provides regular information to former alumni on career and further study opportunities. This network ensures that graduates of the programme remain in close touch with each other and with the CHR, sharing their knowledge and expertise with each other, strengthening the network across the continent and contributing meaningfully to the LLM/MPhil and other programmes of the CHR and partner universities.

Internships

Some students are selected to serve internships upon completion of the programme and subsequently some of the organisations where they serve the post-completion internships have employed alumni of the programme. Some of the institutions where students have served internships include:

- African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
- International Court of Justice
- International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
- International Tribunal for Rwanda
- United Nations High Commission for Human Rights
- Lawyers for Human Rights (South Africa)
- United Nations High Commission for Refugees
- South African Parliament
- African Union

Doctoral studies

A small number of students are selected to continue with their doctoral studies at the CHR.

Post completion achievements

Graduates are working as cabinet ministers, diplomats, academics, judges and civil servants. In addition others are working for African Union institutions, United Nations agencies, international organisations and non-governmental organisations.

More than 25 alumni have completed doctoral degrees at various universities across the world including: University of Birmingham (United Kingdom), University of Cambridge (United Kingdom), University of Hong Kong (China), University of Glasgow (United Kingdom), University of Khartoum (Sudan), University of Notre Dame (United States of America), University of Oxford (United Kingdom), University of Pretoria (South Africa), University of the Western Cape (South Africa) and University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa).

The funders

Over the years the main sponsors of the LLM/MPhil programme have been:

- European Union (EU) – main funder
- Royal Netherlands Embassy, Pretoria
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA)
- Open Society Foundations (OSF)

How to apply

Individuals from all African countries are invited to apply for admission to the LLM/MPhil.

For law students: A degree allowing access to the legal profession (eg LLB or *licence en droit* or *licenciatura em direito*)

For other students: At least an Honours degree in a discipline relevant to human rights and democratisation

All applicants should submit the following documentation by post:

- Letter of motivation (a one-page letter stating why you would like to do the course)
- CV (a two-page curriculum vitae, including your full particulars: name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail)
- Transcript (detailed academic record showing subjects taken and marks obtained)
- Degree certificates (certified copies of all degree certificates)
- Letters of recommendation (two academic and/or professional letters of recommendation/support)
- English proficiency (if undergraduate studies were not in English proof of your proficiency). TOEFL scores (minimum marks: writing (22), speaking (23), reading (21), listening (17), Total= 83), alternatively, if you write IELTS, minimum score (6).
- Photo (a recent colour passport photograph)

ONLY THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE IS REQUIRED.

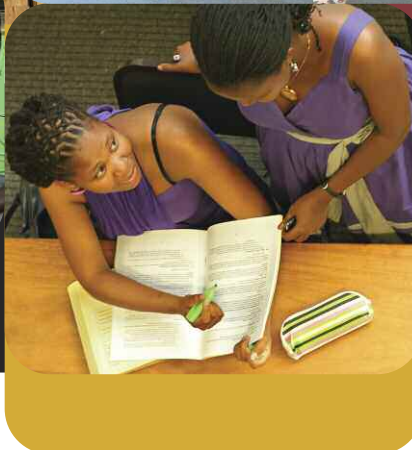
Please note:

- All documents must be typewritten.
- Please ensure that all documents are submitted together.
- There are no application forms to be completed.
- Electronic applications are not accepted.

The overriding criterion in the selection process remains academic excellence, proven experience or interest in human rights and democratisation in Africa, the need to select candidates who are able to complete the programme successfully and work in the field of human rights and democratisation. Selection to the programme takes into consideration geographical representation, gender equality, and minority groups.

Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available. If you apply for a scholarship, include a one-page letter in your application detailing your financial position and indicating why you need assistance. Self-funded applicants are also encouraged to apply.



Applications should be directed to:

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Deadline for receipt of LLM/MPhil applications is 31 July.

Other projects/activities of the Centre for Human Rights

- Advanced Human Rights Courses
- African Human Rights Law Journal
- African Human Rights Law Reports
- African Human Rights Moot Court Competition
- Doctoral degrees in Human Rights
- Gender Unit
- LLM (Multi-disciplinary Human Rights)
- LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa)
- Pretoria University Law Press (PULP)
- Project on promotion of indigenous peoples' rights
- Human Rights Clinics
- International Development Law Unit (IDLU)