

Degree Course in Political Science,
International Relations,
Human Rights (3 Years)



The Degree Course is rooted on the rich heritage of educational, scientific and training experiences which the University of Padua has gained so far, in particular through its Human Rights Centre. It offers **teachings organised on five areas**: political, juridical, socio-economic, historic-philosophical and linguistic. The course deals also with the **acquisition of practical skills** for the planning of activities for the promotion and protection of human rights, by means of simulations, project work activities, seminars and working groups with international experts.

Master's Degree Course in
Institutions and Policies of
Human Rights and Peace (2 Years)



The Master's Degree provides an inter-disciplinary and action-oriented education. It has been acquiring an even more professionalizing identity, mostly because of the activation of new teaching modules dedicated to human rights protection techniques and to the civilian component in peace operations. The Course organizes study-trips to the **European Institutions** and to the **United Nations**. It aims at shaping specialised operators for qualified working posts in the local and national public service and in the international, inter-governmental and non-governmental, organizations.



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The Human Rights Centre
of the University of Padua



The Centre was founded in 1982, as the first structural response of the Italian Academia to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to the recommendations of international Institutions. Besides the UNESCO Chair, the Centre hosts the European Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Intercultural dialogue, human rights and multilevel governance. The vocation of the Centre is to contribute to the development of the interdisciplinary human rights knowledge through research, education and training. The Director of the Centre is Prof. Marco Mascia.

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Established in 1999 with a Memorandum of Understanding between UNESCO and the University of Padua, the Chair performs its educational and research activities in cooperation with the Human Rights Centre, contributing in giving coherence and international visibility to its training and research activities. The UNESCO Chair and the Centre have been "focal points" of the Program 2000 – International Year for Peace. The Chair is also committed for the formal recognition of Peace as a human right. The Holder of the Chair is Prof. Antonio Papisca.

Institutional cooperation
at the international, national
and local levels



At the international level the Centre has agreements with UNESCO, the CoE, the EU, the UN OHCHR, the Multinational CIMIC Group, the Anna Lindh Foundation and the Euro-Mediterranean University EMUNI. At the national and local levels, it cooperates with the Ministry for Education; the national coordinating bodies of the Ombudsmen and of the Local authorities for peace and human rights; the Ombudsman, the Children's Ombudsman and the Direction for international relations and human rights of the Veneto; and the Police Headquarters in Padua and Venice.

The Regional Law No. 55/99
and the Regional Archive Pace
Diritti Umani – Peace Human Rights



The Archive was established by the Region of Veneto in 1988 and confirmed with Regional Law No. 55/99. It is one of the main tools through which the Region promotes the culture of human rights, peace, development cooperation and solidarity. The Archive, managed by the Human Rights Centre, collects, elaborates and makes available to the public documentation, thematic databases, informative resources through its website, available both in English and in Italian. The Archive is the main Italian web portal for the diffusion of the human rights culture.

Research activities
and publications of the
Human Rights Centre



Since its foundation, the scientific research activity of the Human Rights Centre has been carried out through the publication of the Review Pace Diritti Umani – Peace Human Rights, as well as books and study aids which are available in the website. Among the main ongoing researches it is worth mentioning those on: international democracy, multilevel governance, international organization of human rights and peace, European integration and human rights, global civil society, intercultural dialogue and plural citizenship, UN reform, humanitarian law and human security.

Postgraduate education:
European Master, Postgraduate and
Special High Education Courses



The Centre has contributed to the establishment of the European Master in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA), to which 41 European universities are now participating, and of the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC), based at the San Nicolò Monastery in the Lido of Venice. The Centre also organises Postgraduate Courses on human rights and the rights of peoples and Special High Education Training Courses for experts in civic education, human rights, citizenship and constitutional values.