

Employability

The MA is strongly action- and policy-oriented. **Job positions suitable for MA graduates** include: human rights officer in international organisations, diplomatic service and in the public sector; officer in Ombudsman structures and national institutions for human rights; expert staff in electoral observation and human rights monitoring missions; programme and field officer of humanitarian aid, democratic institution building and technical assistance units; expert staff in governmental structures implementing human rights-related policies; project manager in NGOs; expert staff of intercultural mediation agencies; officer in social rights advocacy agencies; expert staff of ethical committees; expert personnel of social responsibility and IR units of corporate organisations; journalist and expert in the media; staff in research and planning structures of trade unions, political parties, non-profit organisations.

The course provides **access to doctoral programmes** in Political Science, Law, Sociology, including the Joint PhD Programme in “Human Rights, Society, and Multi-level Governance” at the Universities of Padova, Zagreb, Panteion-Athens, and Western Sydney.

Entry Requirements

Prospective students must possess a three-year BA degree (180 ECTS) in a field connected with the Master’s curriculum with good grades.

All courses are taught in English. Students must have at least a B1 level of English at the time of enrolment. By the end of the 1st year they have to pass a B2 test.

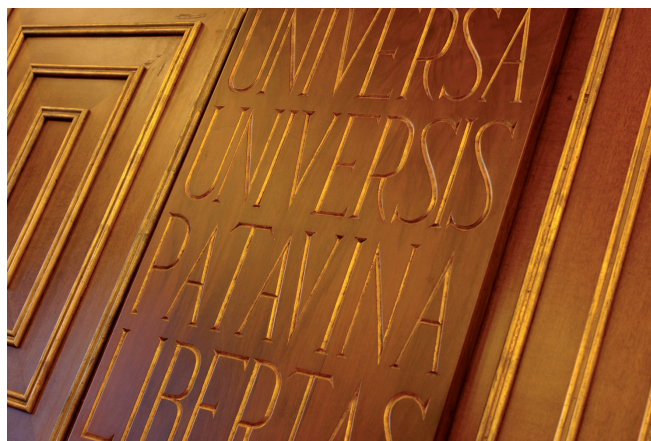
Institution

The **University of Padova**, established in 1222, is one of the largest in Italy, with more than 65,000 students and about 5,000 professors, lecturers and other personnel.

The MA course is supervised by the Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies, and is part of the School of Economics and Political Science.

The MA is supported by the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padova, created in 1982.

The Human Rights Centre hosts the UNESCO Chair in “Human Rights, Democracy and Peace”, the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “Intercultural Dialogue, Human Rights and Multi-level Governance” and the Peace Human Rights Archive of the Region of Veneto.



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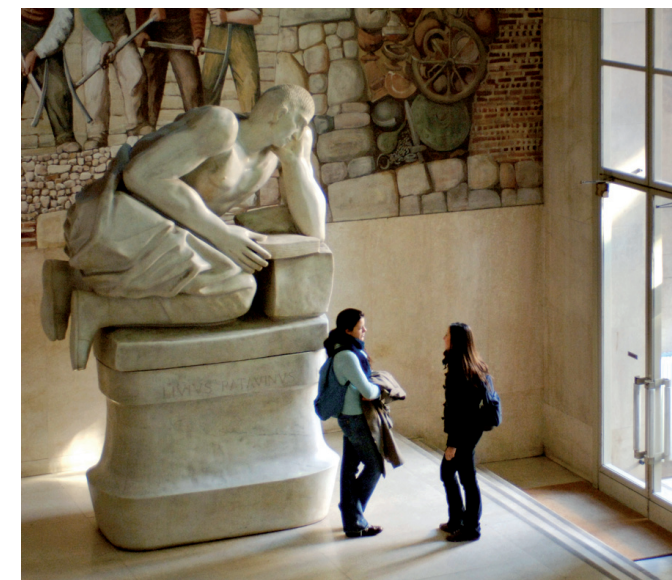
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Master of Arts

Degree Programme in

Human Rights and Multi-level Governance

2-year, 120 ECTS-credits



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Purpose

The **goal of the programme** is to develop competences to work in complex local and international contexts, in accordance with the universal human rights paradigm and based on social commitment. The overall MA programme is a contribution to developing a universal culture of human rights as recommended by the UNESCO and the United Nations.



Learning and teaching approach

The course promotes active learning, giving responsibility to the student where appropriate. Most courses are in seminar form, and include special modules with the participation of practitioners and experts (international organisations' officers, NGO representatives, academics, diplomats).



In the second year, a large part of the student's time is dedicated to thesis research and to the internship.

The thesis is written individually under the supervision of a member of the Master's Faculty, and will be in English.

The Curriculum

The University of Padova has been delivering post-graduate interdisciplinary programmes in human rights since 1988.

1st year (63 ects)

International Law of Human Rights (9)
Human Rights and International Justice (6) *or* Microfinance for Social Change (6)
European Union Law and Human Rights (6) *or* Children's Rights (Save the Children Chair) (6)
Human Rights in International Politics (6)
Theory and Practice of Multi-level Governance (6)
Women's Human Rights (6)
History of International Organisations (6)
Economics of Human Capital (6) *or* Economic Globalisation and Human Rights (6)
Elective courses (12)



2nd year (57 ects)

Culture, Society, and Human Rights (6) *or* Religions and Human Rights (6)
Social Research Methods (6)
Constitutional Development and Democratisation (6)
The Language of Advocacy (6)
Second language* (6)
Internship (9)
Dissertation (18)



The course encourages study experiences abroad financed under student mobility programmes and bilateral agreements. Students can benefit of a **Double Degree** scheme with the University of Wrocław (Poland), Master's degree in International Relations, with scholarship.

* French (advanced), German (advanced), Spanish (advanced); Portuguese/Brazilian, Serbian/Croatian, Slovenian, Czech/Slovak, Russian.

Academic Calendar

The MA is structured in four semesters (October-January; March-June). Courses start in September. Exam sessions are held in February, June and September. The graduation sessions are in October, February and June.

The MA Director is Marco Mascia, professor of International Relations. The Academic Coordinator is Paolo De Stefani, professor of International Law of Human Rights.

Orientation briefings and foundation seminars take place before the beginning of the courses.

Field activities

The MA organises:

- a **study trip** to the international organisations in Geneva, which includes meetings and debates with UN staff, NGOs and independent experts;
- the **Padua Human Rights Laboratory**, a cycle of seminars with field experts, international organisations' officers, diplomats and scholars;
- **training courses** in cooperation with NGOs, ombudspersons, local authorities and Civ-Mil units;
- United Nations and European Union **models**.

In order to provide **tailored internship opportunities** for students, the Human Rights Centre has cooperation agreements with selected local and international entities and institutions, working in the fields of peace and human rights.

