

ALUMNI



If you are seeking a significant educational career upgrade, the course in Human Rights and Multilevel Governance is exactly what you need! My experience has been truly transformative. The program provided

a comprehensive approach to international law, economics, and human rights practices from a multilevel perspective, which equipped me with the versatility needed to advance my career. After graduating, I served as a Social Inclusion Officer at the Italian Red Cross and am now a trainee at Friuli-Venezia Giulia Liaison Office in Brussels. During my two master's years, I completed internships at Save The Children and at the NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence, further enriching my interests, topics of research, understanding, skills and network!

My journey clearly demonstrates how this master's program offers a focus on human rights in a dynamic and innovative way. Multiculturalism and great attention to diversity and inclusion were also an asset, instrumental in shaping my mindset and path, providing me with the tools to adapt and thrive in various professional environments.

Ama Liliane Apetogbo - Pordenone



My experience at the University of Padua started in October 2021, when I first stepped into the class of International Law of Human Rights, part of the Master's course "Human Rights and Multi-Level Governance". From day one, I was immersed in a multicultural environment with peers from across Europe and beyond, which made our classes and study sessions

very dynamic, with everyone enriching them with their own perspectives and study backgrounds. During this journey, I had the chance to spend a semester in Brussels as an Erasmus student, attending classes taught by European institutions practitioners. I concluded my university career with a field research trip for my master's thesis: thanks to my Supervisor, who supported my mission with a scholarship, I flew to Nairobi, Kenya, to collect interview data by collaborating with a local microfinance organization aiding poor urban slum dwellers and rural inhabitants around the Nairobi area. This experience has profoundly impacted my life and my career search and opened a new window on the world to me, exposing me to the darkest

effects of poverty and the beneficial impact of microfinance. Today, I am a communication trainee for an Italian NGO, where I combine my interest for human rights and languages. I interact daily with humanitarian field operators and write articles tackling the lives of our beneficiaries in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. I am eager to keep working in the international cooperation sector, defending human rights and contributing towards a diverse and inclusive society .

Martina Dioni - Brescia



My name is Nicolò Palmieri, an alumnus of the 'Human Rights and Multi-Level Governance' Master's degree and Project Manager and Desk Officer at the University of Padova, DPSS Department. I had previously achieved a Bachelor's degree in Political Sciences and International Relations as well. The above MA,

thanks to a scenario- and case-based approach, offered me competency-oriented reasoning. It allowed me to practice the knowledge acquired by participating in additional activities such as an Italian Red Cross workshop around International Humanitarian Law and training on anti-human trafficking organized in partnership with the OSCE.

Such a specific orientation suits job-seeking in an international and tough job market. For instance, I underwent a curricular internship with JRS (Centro Astalli headquarters in Rome) and after graduating, also performed a traineeship with ASGI (Association for Law Studies on Immigration). Eventually, I first landed a job as a consultant in an EU project on countering ethnic discrimination by law implementation. Besides, I have been conducting specialized volunteering in local and (inter)-national NGOs such as SET Padova (The Student Engagement Team), Amnesty International and the Italian Red Cross.

Nicolò Palmieri - Padova

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MASTER'S DEGREE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE

International relations LM-52

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Master's degree program in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance (HRG) is designed with a commitment to fostering a **universal culture of human rights**. Through an **action-oriented approach**, it weaves together the transnational and transcultural dimensions inherent in human rights studies.

At its core, the program is dedicated to equipping individuals with the professional knowledge and skills necessary to champion and uphold the fundamental principles of human rights.

Within the program's framework, human rights law stands as a cornerstone, complemented by an exploration of **multi-level governance concerning human sustainable development and security**. These conceptual paradigms serve as guiding principles, shaping the trajectory of the curriculum and informing every facet of the learning experience.

One of the program's distinctive features is its multi-level approach, which facilitates a comprehensive understanding of human rights dynamics. By juxtaposing **international trends** analysis with an exhaustive examination of **local policies**, students gain invaluable insights into the complexities of human rights implementation at various levels of governance.

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TRAINING

The Master's degree program research and lecturing activities reflect the **transnational** and **transcultural** dimensions of human rights studies.

It promotes active learning and uses innovative teaching methods. Classes are multicultural and the program promotes **diversity** and **inclusion**. Teaching is carried out in seminars, thus promoting student participation. It also includes modules with guest lecturers, including officials from international organisations, NGO representatives, visiting scholars, and diplomats. Much of the second year is devoted to dissertation research and an internship.

Study experiences abroad are encouraged and are funded under student mobility schemes and **bilateral agreements**. Students can apply for two Double Degree schemes, one with the University of Wroclaw (Poland) and the other with the Catholic University of Lyon/University of Grenoble-Alpes (France).



STUDY PLAN



Constitutional Development and Democratisation
History of International Organisations
Human Rights in International Politics
International Cooperation and Humanitarian Response Operations
International Law of Human Rights
Economic Globalisation and Human Rights
Second Language



European Union Law and Human Rights
Human Rights and International Justice
Human Rights and Political Participation
Religions and Human Rights
Social and Financial Sustainability for Small Business
Stage (internship)

FINAL EXAMINATION

OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of Human Rights and Multi-level Governance will be able to find employment as human rights experts in international organisations, in the diplomatic corps, and in the public sector. They will also find employment as officials in civil defence departments and in national institutions for human rights; in electoral observation and on human rights monitoring missions; as humanitarian-aid programme and field officers, and in technical assistance units for the building of democratic institutions; as experts in governmental departments implementing human-rights policies; as NGO directors and officials; as experts at intercultural mediation agencies; as advocacy officers; on ethics committees; as corporate social responsibility and human rights experts at private businesses; as communication and mass-media specialists; and in the research and planning departments of trade unions, political parties and not-for-profit organisations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

International students:

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent), with proven skills in **Political Sciences, International Relations, Sociology and International Law**;
- English language: **B2 level (CEFR) or equivalent**.

Holding an Italian diploma students:

- Bachelor's degree belonging to class **L-36, L-37** (Ministerial Decree 270/2004) or class **15, 35** (Ministerial Decree 599/1999) or Bachelor's degree belonging to **any class** and possession of the **minimum curricular requirements** according to the Call for admission for Master's degrees with unlimited places and admission requirements;
- Final graduation mark higher than or equal to **100/110** or equivalent;
- English language: **B2 level or higher (CEFR)**.

