Teaching of Human Rights at the Faculty of Law

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European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) and Collegium Polonicum
European University Viadrina

- First State University of Brandenburg (1506 – 1811)
- Re-established in 1991
- Bridging function between Germany and Eastern Europe
- Especially strong cooperation with Poland (Collegium Polonicum)

- Comprises three faculties: Law, Economics, Cultural Studies
10 good reasons why to study at Viadrina

1. Internationality:
Study with students from over 80 countries and be taught by academics from all over the world

2. Interdisciplinary in teaching and research:
Choose from a wide range of classes within all faculties: Law, Economics and Business Administration as well as Social and Cultural Sciences

3. Foreign Language Competence:
In addition to regular studies take advantage of foreign language classes of the highest quality

4. Study and Internships Abroad:
Benefit from an extensive network with more than 200 cooperation partners worldwide
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5. Qualify for a future Europe:
Obtain an internationally acknowledged university degree and be prepared for the European job market

6. Affordable Studies:
Profit from a broad variety of student loans as well as cheap housing and low living costs

7. Outstanding Study Conditions:
Take advantage of the low student-teacher ratio which enables you to complete your studies in a short period of time

8. Excellent Research Possibilities:
Modern equipped library, computer terminals, wireless internet access on campus...
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9. Cross-Border Education:
Attend lectures and workshops in the Collegium Polonicum, an institution run by both the Viadrina and the Adam-Mickiewicz University in Poznań on the Polish side of the river

10. International Housing:
Live in residences on the German and Polish side of the river
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Faculty of Law

Fields of Study:

• German Law
• German – Polish Law
• Law and Economics (BA)
• Masterprograms (LL.M.)
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#### Faculty of Law

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| German Law                             | • Constitutional Human Rights
                                             • International Human Rights | • compulsory
                                             • elective            |
| German – Polish Law                    | • Constitutional Human Rights
                                             • International Human Rights | • compulsory
                                             • elective            |
| International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (LL.M.) | • International Human Rights | • compulsory       |
SUMMER COURSE
THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION
Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection

Background of the programme

- European issues of human rights protection with important matters relevant to over 40 European countries with diverse political, economic and social systems
- Human rights protection under the regimes of the Council of Europe, the European Union, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
- Philosophical, historical, political, economic and sociological aspects of human rights including practical institutional matters
- Practical and contemporary issues, such as the protection of human rights in situations of war or civil disorder
Aims of the programme

- expanding the knowledge of human rights law and policy within the transnational European context
- understanding the interrelation between the several regimes of the Council of Europe, the European Union, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
- intercultural communication and transfer of knowledge
- skills in preparing an international trial
**Teaching staff**

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Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection Students

- Asia: 33%
- South America: 11%
- Africa: 6%
- Oceania: 3%
- Europe: 39%
- North America: 8%
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Curriculum

Category 1:
Lectures

Category 2:
Seminars

Category 3:
Moot Court
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- Category 1: Lectures
  - Philosophical, conceptual and historical aspects
  - Human rights regimes and institutions
  - FRA for human rights in the EU
  - Right to life
  - Prohibition of torture
  - Right to fair trial
  - Communication rights
  - Relationship between human rights protection and international humanitarian law
  - Migration and refugee law
  - Individual complaint procedure (European Court of Human Rights)
Category 2: Seminars

- Discussion on the topics of the lecture and actual human rights issues

Category 3: Moot Court

- Simulation of a court hearing before the European Court of Human Rights
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Benefits:
Certificate of attendance with 10 ECTS

Study trip:
Visit to the German Parliament in Berlin and city tour

Admission requirements:
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MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW
Background

- human rights as foundations of democracy and stable governance
- importance of human rights in today’s world in times of peace and war
- necessity of implementing the minimum level of protection during armed conflicts
- boundary between peace and war increasingly blurred
- need for a comprehensive, all-embracing protection of rights
Aims

- comprehensive knowledge of the system of protection of the individual rights
- in-depth knowledge of legally binding international rights and guarantees and their protection
- practical skills in applying international standards of protection
- skills and procedures in undertaking academic investigation and research
- intercultural communication and knowledge transfer
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## Teaching staff

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Students

- Asia: 35%
- Europe: 29%
- Africa: 22%
- North America: 5%
- South America: 3%
- Oceania: 3%

Legend:
- North America
- South America
- Africa
- Asia
- Oceania
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Curriculum

Category 1:
Compulsory core modules

Category 2:
Elective modules (theory and skills)

Category 3:
Practical experience and thesis
Category 1: Compulsory core modules

- Introduction to international human rights and humanitarian law
- Civil and political rights
- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Prohibition of discrimination
- Women’s and children’s rights
- Rights of minorities and indigenous peoples
- Refugees, internally displaced persons and migration
- Individual (criminal) responsibility and state responsibility
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Category 2: Elective modules

- conflict prevention and management
- fundamental principles of governance and administration – democracy rule of law, criminal justice
- implementation
- representation of interests
- mass violence and legal responses – genocide and the responsibility to protect
- research and writing
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Category 3: Practical experience and thesis

- international or national human rights bodies
- NGOs
- organisations concerned with humanitarian issues and aid
- conflict management and international negotiation
- police forces or military/defence institutions
- academic bodies and research institutes
- public prosecutor's offices
- certain other branches of public administration
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Admission requirements

- university degree in law or an equivalent qualification
- adequate aptitude in English, both spoken and written
- a high level of motivation to participate in the programme
- at least one year’s practical professional experience
- the support of two independent referees
- payment of the tuition fee
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Study trips

Strasbourg
European Court of Human Rights
European Parliament

Den Haag
International Criminal Court
International Court of Justice
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