



## **Master's Degree Programme in**

# **International Human Rights Law**

### **The Programme**

The Master's Degree Programme in International Human Rights law is designed to prepare its graduates for challenging human rights careers in international organizations, non-governmental organizations and public administration. It will also provide the essential background for advanced human rights law research. Successful completion of this two-year full-time programme results in the award of a Master of Social Sciences (M. Soc. Sc.) degree. The programme was launched in 2006. The Programme Director is Ms. Catarina Krause (Deputy Director of the Institute for Human Rights).

### **Structure of the Programme**

The programme consists of the following modules: (a) compulsory human rights law courses (85 credits), including a research seminar and a master's thesis in international human rights law; (b) compulsory language studies, and; (c) optional courses, which may include courses offered by the three universities in Turku / Åbo within Turku Law School as well as courses offered by Nordic and international partner universities.

### **Admission requirements**

Participation is limited to 15 persons. The programme is open to those holding a law degree or another bachelor's degree with at least 45 credits / ECTS in law or other relevant subject(s). Comprehensive details on the admission procedure and an application form can be obtained at: [www.abo.fi/master](http://www.abo.fi/master) Sufficient knowledge in English language is also required.

### **The Institute for Human Rights**

The Programme is offered by the Institute for Human Rights and the Department of Law at Åbo Akademi University. The Institute for Human Rights is a unit within the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, and is closely linked with the Department of Law. The Institute is an internationally renowned academic institute which specializes in advanced human rights research and provision of education. The Institute has experience in hosting a wide range of international courses for students, researchers and professionals. The Institute offers doctoral training through the Finnish Graduate School programme and coordinates the Nordic School in Human Rights Research. In its teaching the Institute relies upon its own researchers, the faculty of the department of law as well as international experts, including its former Directors Dr Allan Rosas, Judge of the European Court of Justice, and Professor Martin Scheinin, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism and former member of the UN Human Rights Committee.

### **International Human Rights Law**

**Credits:**

120 credits

**Application Deadline:**

26 February 2010

**Language of Instruction:**

English

**Fees:**

Approximately 100 euros/  
year for membership  
in the Student Union

**Further Information:**

**On the programme:**

[www.abo.fi/hrmasters](http://www.abo.fi/hrmasters)  
[hrm-coordinator@abo.fi](mailto:hrm-coordinator@abo.fi)

**On admission:**

[www.abo.fi/master](http://www.abo.fi/master)  
[admission@abo.fi](mailto:admission@abo.fi)

## **About Åbo Akademi**

Åbo Akademi University was founded in 1918 and is the only Swedish-language multi-disciplinary university in Finland. The university offers both undergraduate and postgraduate studies and extensive research opportunities to some 7,000 students on three campuses.

Åbo Akademi University is located close to the city centre, in the heart of the old part of the city of Turku. The campus offers a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for students. The university is characterised by its small size, good student-teacher relations, rich traditions and its highly flexible study environment.

*Welcome to Åbo Akademi University!*