

Curriculum

1st year 63 ECTS credits	2nd year 57 ECTS credits	The HRG programme's language is English .
International Law of Human Rights (9)	Culture, Society and Human Rights (6) or Religions and Human Rights (6)	Study experiences abroad are encouraged, financed under student mobility programmes and bilateral agreements . Students can benefit from Double Degree schemes with the University of Wroclaw (Poland) and the Catholic University of Lyon/University of Grenoble-Alpes (France).
Human Rights and International Justice (6) or Human Rights Practice (6)	Microfinance for Social Change (6)	
European Union Law and Human Rights (6) or Children's Rights (6) <i>(Save the Children Chair)</i>	Constitutional Development and Democratisation (6)	
Human Rights in International Politics (6)	Language of Advocacy (6)	
Theory and Practice of Multi-level Governance (6)	Second language (6)	
Women's Human Rights (6) or Refugee Human Rights Protection (6)	Internship (9)	
History of International Organisations (6)	Dissertation (18)	
Economics of Human Capital (6) or Economic Globalisation and Human Rights (6)		
Elective courses (12)		

Institution

The University of Padova, **established in 1222**, is one of the largest in Italy, with about 60,000 students. It has been delivering post-graduate **interdisciplinary programmes** in peace and human rights **since 1988**.

The HRG programme is supervised by the **Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies** and is part of the School of Economics and Political Science.

HRG is supported by the **Human Rights Centre “Antonio Papisca”** of the University of Padova. The Centre hosts the **UNESCO Chair** “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. It coordinates the **International Joint Ph.D Programme “Human Rights, Society and Multi-level Governance”**. The Centre is founding member of the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC/Global Campus) and participates in the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI).

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Purpose

The MA Degree Programme Human Rights and Multi-level Governance (HRG) aims at developing the competences to work in **complex local and international contexts**, in accordance with the universal human rights paradigm and based on social commitment.



Learning and Teaching Approach

The HRG programme promotes **active learning** and **innovative teaching** methods. Classes are **multicultural**; the programme values diversity and inclusion. Courses are in seminar form, promote the participation of students and include **special modules** with international organisation officers, NGO representatives, visiting scholars, diplomats.

In the second year, a large part of the student's work 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.

Academic Structure and Governance

Courses start on 1st October.

Exam sessions are held in February, June and September.

Graduation sessions are in February/March, June/July and October/November.

Orientation briefings, foundation seminars and skill-building sessions are also offered.

The HRG Director is Marco Mascia, professor of International Relations. The Academic Coordinator is Paolo De Stefani, professor of International Law of Human Rights. The Faculty Board is composed of all master's lecturers and student representatives.

Extra-curricular Activities

The HRG programme organises and supports:

- a **study trip** to the international organisations in Geneva, which includes meetings with UN officers, human rights experts and NGOs;
- **seminars** and **conferences** on human rights topics;

- a **summer school** on “Normativity and Reality of Human Rights” and a **winter school** on “Microfinance in Action” (Nepal);

- **training and simulation exercises** in cooperation with the Italian Red Cross, Save the Children - Italy, the OSCE, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

- student-led **fundraising campaigns** and thematic **study-groups**.



Employability

The HRG programme 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; advocacy officer; expert staff of ethical committees; business and human rights expert at corporate organisations; media specialist; staff in research and planning structures of trade unions, political parties, non-profit organisations.

Application and Entry Requirements

The call for applications is published in January (for non-Italian graduates) and April (for Italian graduates). Prospective students must possess a three-year BA degree (180 ECTS credits) in a field connected with the Master's curriculum, with good grades.

Partial and full scholarships are available, as specified in the annual call for applications.

