Our Ideal Candidates

There is no single path to admission. We want students who can articulate their particular interest in human rights issues such as disability, gender or racial justice, international development, voting rights, and others. Previous coursework in mathematics, statistics, and economics is recommended. Students who succeed in this program are self-starters who want to work on real issues in the real world.

Program Points of Pride

International

Our students come from all over the world, and the skills you learn can be applied no matter where you go after graduation.

Applied

Faculty will work with you to advise and find connections in an internship that fulfills your interests and needs. You may also do applied work in the classroom through research projects and workshops.

Flexible

A broad array of specializations allows you to go deep into the human rights focus area that interests you, and apply it in the career path you intend to take.
YOU WILL LEARN

- Human rights thought, philosophy, and mechanisms
- Advocacy and campaigning skills
- History and applications of human rights theory
- Today’s grand challenges
- Technical skills, such as statistics and writing

THE CURRICULUM

- Human rights core courses (9 credits)
- First-year cohort seminar (2 credits)
- Professional core courses (12 credits)
- Concentration courses (12 credits)
- Capstone or professional paper (3 credits)
- Professional internship (200 hours)

FINANCING YOUR DEGREE

Students who apply by the deadline of Dec. 15 are automatically considered for a range of merit and need-based aid. Many students work as paid research assistants in their focus area. Most summer internships are supported by grants.