



# MA in Human Rights



**CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

## Program Description

The Center for Human Rights has been delivering the MA in human rights program since 2009. The program aims to offer state of the art interdisciplinary graduate studies in the field of human rights.

In this program, the Center aspires to graduate highly qualified professionals in the field of interdisciplinary human rights. The MA program is designed to enable students to deepen their knowledge and strengthen their analytical skills with regard to interdisciplinary human rights issues of a local and global nature. To such end, the program engages highly qualified Ethiopian as well as foreign academics and researchers from various disciplines including law, political science, philosophy, sociology and economics.

## Objectives of the Program

In general, the program aims to graduate high-level professionals in the field of human rights who are qualified to work as academics, independent consultants, and as staff members for Inter-Governmental, Governmental and non-Governmental Organisations and Institutions.

## Program Duration and Structure

The normal duration of the program is one and a half years and it includes both course work and a thesis. In the first two semesters of the first year, all students take common/required courses. The thesis will be prepared in the first semester of the second year.

The study program envisages active student participation through reading assignments, short essays, group, and individual projects, and written examinations. Students are also expected to be active in extracurricular activities within the Center and outside.

## Degree Nomenclature

Masters of Arts in Human Rights degree is awarded upon successful completion of the program.

## Learning and Teaching Approach

All modules will be delivered through an intensive block teaching system during which all activities relating to the course shall be completed.

## Language of Instruction

The language of instruction for this program is English.

## Admission Requirements

Prospective students must fulfill the following requirements:

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree, preferably in fields relevant to Human Rights including Law, Social Sciences, and Humanities.
- Proficiency in the English Language;
- Preference is given to candidates with prior experiences in the areas of Human Rights in Governmental, Non-Governmental or Inter-Governmental Organizations;
- The submission of a motivation letter; passing a University-wide English competency and analytical skill test; and the Center's entrance exam, are mandatory for all applicants.