



PhD in Human Rights



CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Program Description

The Center for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University, is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for its Ph.D Program in Human Rights.

The advanced teaching and research pursued within the framework of this program will instill highly specialized knowledge and analytical skills, which will enable students to autonomously carry out scholarly analysis focusing on new and complex phenomena in the area of interdisciplinary human rights. Graduates of this program will have the necessary expertise to pursue advanced interdisciplinary human rights research on issues of relevance in national and international contexts.

To that end, the program engages highly qualified Ethiopian as well as foreign academics from various disciplines, including law, political science, philosophy, sociology, and economics. In this regard, the Center can rely on its strong relationships with other departments at Addis Ababa University as well as on its extensive networks and partnerships with renowned foreign universities and research institutes.

The PhD program includes an educational component of course-works constituted of 42 ECTS. The educational components provide an education of high academic standard and include training in the dissemination of academic knowledge, introduction to research ethics, the philosophy of science and scientific methods. The program offers modules that may not necessarily be related to the dissertation topics on which students work but contribute to their overall competence in understanding foundational principles and theories of relevance and research.

The PhD Degree shall be conferred after a successful completion of:

- The programs' educational component;
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- Doctoral examination

A doctoral examination consists of the trial lecture and public defense of the dissertation. The general examination requirements of Addis Ababa University shall apply in relation to the components of the PhD program

Admission Requirements

For admission to the PhD program, an applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

- a master's degree in programs focusing on economics, management, history, human rights, law, philosophy, political science, public administration, social anthropology, sociology or other related fields in social sciences from an accredited university;
- pass a special entrance examination (oral and written) prepared by the Center for Human Rights;
- project proposal on a subject of interest to human rights which serves for admission evaluation purposes;
- documentation of educational qualifications that forms the basis for the application;
- evidence that majority of grades earned at masters level are A's; that M.A thesis grade is at least 'Very Good' or equivalent (a thesis grade of 'Good' might be accepted provided that the applicant can submit proof of publication of two journal articles in reputed outlets);
- funding plan;
- commitment for full-time availability during the study period;
- passing a University-wide English competency and analytical skill test

Apply online via: portal.aau.edu.et

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