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MASTER IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATISATION



■ Presentation of the master's in Human Rights and Democratisation

It is a unique interdisciplinary programme that includes research-oriented courses grounded in theory while developing practical and critical skills. It offers an international environment with lecturers and students from over 15 countries, and it includes a semester in another Arab country.

This programme was established in 2015 with the support of the European Union and the Danish Institute for Human Rights. It moved to Beirut in 2017 where it is coordinated by the Institute of Political Science in partnership with Birzeit University (Palestine), the International University of Rabat (Morocco), the University of Carthage (Tunisia) and the University of Southern Denmark.

It is part of the [Global Campus of Human Rights](#), the largest network in human rights education in the world.

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■ Curriculum

The programme covers 60 to 120 credits, depending on the academic background of the student and the chosen track. Over 20 courses and 50 seminars are given by researchers, experts and practitioners from across the Arab region and Europe. These courses and seminars are divided into four thematic streams:

- Human Rights: Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- Democratic Governance and the Rule of Law
- Political, Social and Intellectual dynamics in the Arab World
- Research and Professional Skills for Human Rights

The courses include specialised seminars, field visits, a field research, a Human Rights Laboratory and an internship programme in a Human Rights organisation. Students spend a semester in a partner university across the region: Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, and Palestine (for Europeans and Americans).

■ Objectives

- Enhance human rights monitoring and advocacy skills in the Arab and Euro-Mediterranean regions.
- Expand capacities for peacekeeping and international justice.
- Build expertise on rule of law and public reforms.
- Provide committed and resourceful professionals to local, regional and international organisations.
- Support and consolidate a network of researchers and educators in the field of human rights.



■ Admission Procedure and Requirements

The programme has two tracks: a one-year track for students who hold an M1 in social sciences (or its equivalent), and a two-year track for students who hold a bachelor's degree. Admission is done through two calls published in winter and in spring. Check our [website](#) for more information.

■ International partnerships

- Birzeit University
- Cairo University
- International University of Rabat
- University of Carthage
- University of Jordan
- University of Moulay Ismail
- University of Southern Denmark
- Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Global Campus of Human Rights

■ Career perspectives

- Non-Governmental Organisations
- Inter-Governmental Organisations
- Public Administration
- Diplomacy
- Think Tanks and Academic Institutions

