



## **Master of Arts in Human Rights Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How many credits is this program?**

This program is 36 credits, 24 of which are core (required) courses and 12 which are elective courses.

### **How many credits may I transfer?**

Students may transfer 12 graduate credits, with approval of the program director. These will usually consist of electives but they could potentially be used for core course credits.

### **How long will this program take?**

If a student takes a full time load (12 credits a semester), this course will take 3 semesters. A part time student (3-9 credits a semester) will take between 2-3 years. Depending on your transfer credits, a student with previous graduate level courses could finish in 2 semesters. Please see sample completion tracks to get an idea of how one could sequence courses.

### **What kinds of financial assistance are available?**

The program currently does not offer graduate assistantships or employment opportunities. Please consider applying on CUNYfirst for various part time positions on campus to help with your studies.

### **What kinds of career paths can I pursue with an MA in Human Rights?**

This human rights program is a liberal arts MA, and the career paths are broad. Program directors will work closely with students to help them identify and work towards their post-graduation career goals beginning in their first semester. Career paths include the following:

- Research and analysis for international governmental organizations
- Research and investigation for human rights non-governmental organizations
- Human rights analysis/consultations for private sector and government
- Field research and investigation
- Social compliance/Corporate social responsibility
- Governmental foreign affairs
- Pathway to law school/PhD programs

**Is there a practicum or internship requirement?**

There is no requirement for students to take an internship, but students are encouraged to do an internship, which is an elective course, as part of their broader professional development, to gain work experience, and development one's professional network.

**Do MA students have to write a thesis?**

Students are not required to write a thesis to complete this MA program. However, students interested in further study at the PhD level are highly encouraged to write a thesis as part of their electives, under the supervision of a faculty member.