

# Teaching of Human Rights at the Faculty of Law

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# European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) and Collegium Polonicum



# Brandenburg and Poland



# European University Viadrina

- First State University of Brandenburg (1506 – 1811)
- Re-established in 1991
- Bridging function between Germany and Eastern Europe
- Especially strong cooperation with Poland (Collegium Polonicum)
- Comprises three faculties: Law, Economics, Cultural Studies

# European University Viadrina

## **10 good reasons why to study at Viadrina**

### **1. Internationality:**

Study with students from over 80 countries and be taught by academics from all over the world

### **2. Interdisciplinary in teaching and research:**

Choose from a wide range of classes within all faculties: Law, Economics and Business Administration as well as Social and Cultural Sciences

### **3. Foreign Language Competence:**

In addition to regular studies take advantage of foreign language classes of the highest quality

### **4. Study and Internships Abroad:**

Benefit from an extensive network with more than 200 cooperation partners worldwide

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## **10 good reasons why to study at Viadrina**

### **5. Qualify for a future Europe:**

Obtain an internationally acknowledged university degree and be prepared for the European job market

### **6. Affordable Studies:**

Profit from a broad variety of student loans as well as cheap housing and low living costs

### **7. Outstanding Study Conditions:**

Take advantage of the low student-teacher ratio which enables you to complete your studies in a short period of time

### **8. Excellent Research Possibilities:**

Modern equipped library, computer terminals, wireless internet access on campus...

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## 10 good reasons why to study at Viadrina

### **9. Cross-Border Education:**

Attend lectures and workshops in the Collegium Polonicum, an institution run by both the Viadrina and the Adam-Mickiewicz University in Poznań on the Polish side of the river

### **10. International Housing:**

Live in residences on the German and Polish side of the river

# European University Viadrina

## Faculty of Law

### Fields of Study:

- German Law
- German – Polish Law
- Law and Economics (BA)
- Masterprograms (LL.M.)



# European University Viadrina

## Faculty of Law

Fields of Study	Human Rigths Teaching	Compulsory / Elective
German Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constitutional Human Rights</li><li>• International Human Rights</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• compulsory</li><li>• elective</li></ul>
German – Polish Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constitutional Human Rights</li><li>• International Human Rights</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• compulsory</li><li>• elective</li></ul>
International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (LL.M.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Human Rights</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• compulsory</li></ul>

# **SUMMER COURSE**

## **THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION**



# Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection

## Background of the programme

- European issues of human rights protection with important matters relevant to over 40 European countries with diverse political, economic and social systems
- human rights protection under the regimes of the Council of Europe, the European Union, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
- philosophical, historical, political, economic and sociological aspects of human rights including practical institutional matters
- practical and contemporary issues, such as the protection of human rights in situations of war or civil disorder

# Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection

## **Aims of the programme**

- expanding the knowledge of human rights law and policy within the transnational European context
- understanding the interrelation between the several regimes of the Council of Europe, the European Union, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
- intercultural communication and transfer of knowledge
- skills in preparing an international trial

# Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection

## Teaching staff

### **Academic university teachers**

European University Viadrina

University Bochum

University Salzburg

University Utrecht

University of Rotterdam

University of Wales, Aberyswyth

University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

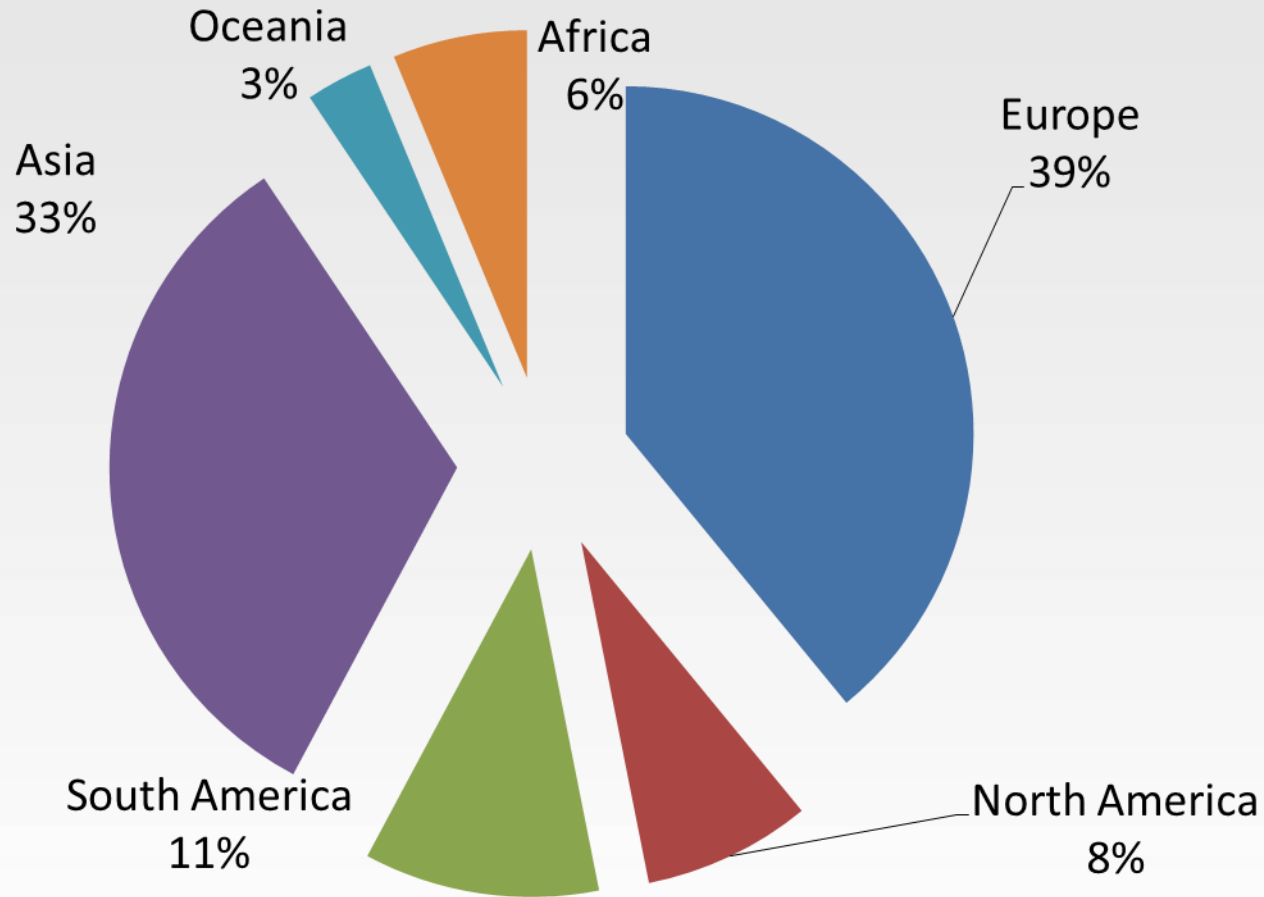
University of Malta

### **Experts in professional practice**

German Red Cross

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

# Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection Students



# Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection

## Curriculum

### **Category 1:**

Lectures

### **Category 2:**

Seminars

### **Category 3:**

Moot Court

# Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection

## – Category 1: Lectures

- Philosophical, conceptual and historical aspects
- Human rights regimes and institutions
- FRA for human rights in the EU
- Right to life
- Prohibition of torture
- Right to fair trial
- Communication rights
- Relationship between human rights protection and international humanitarian law
- Migration and refugee law
- Individual complaint procedure (European Court of Human Rights)



# **Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection**

## **Category 2: Seminars**

- Discussion on the topics of the lecture and actual human rights issues

## **Category 3: Moot Court**

- Simulation of a court hearing before the European Court of Human Rights

# Summer Course – The European System of Human Rights Protection

## Benefits:

Certificate of attendance with 10 ECTS

## Study trip:

Visit to the German Parliament  
in Berlin and city tour

## Admission requirements:

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# MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW



# Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

## Background

- human rights as foundations of democracy and stable governance
- importance of human rights in today's world in times of peace and war
- necessity of implementing the minimum level of protection during armed conflicts
- boundary between peace and war increasingly blurred
- need for a comprehensive, all-embracing protection of rights



# Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

## Aims

- comprehensive knowledge of the system of protection of the individual rights
- in-depth knowledge of legally binding international rights and guarantees and their protection
- practical skills in applying international standards of protection
- skills and procedures in undertaking academic investigation and research
- intercultural communication and knowledge transfer

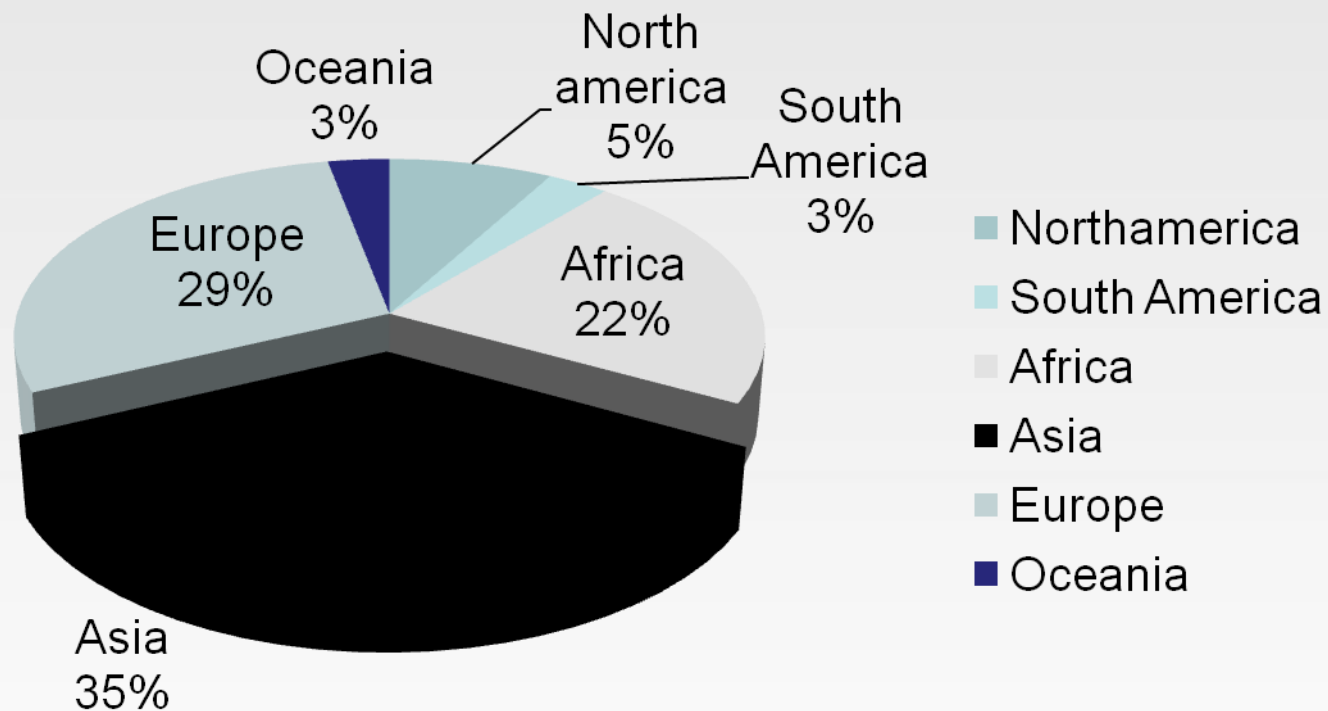
# Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

## Teaching staff

University teachers	Practitioners
European University Viadrina	German Red Cross
University Bochum	International Committee of the Red Cross
University Salzburg	EU Agency for Fundamental Rights
University Utrecht	Center for Peace Mediation
University of Wales, Aberyswyth	European Center for Human Rights
University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona	
University Sevilla	
University of Malta	

# Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

## Students





# Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

## Curriculum

### Category 1:

Compulsory core modules

### Category 2:

Elective modules  
(theory and skills)

### Category 3:

Practical experience and  
thesis

# Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

## Category 1: Compulsory core modules

- Introduction to international human rights and humanitarian law
- Civil and political rights
- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Prohibition of discrimination
- Women's and children's rights
- Rights of minorities and indigenous peoples
- Refugees, internally displaced persons and migration
- Individual (criminal) responsibility and state responsibility

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## Category 2: Elective modules

- conflict prevention and management
- fundamental principles of governance and administration – democracy rule of law, criminal justice
- implementation
- representation of interests
- mass violence and legal responses – genocide and the responsibility to protect
- research and writing

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## Category 3: Practical experience and thesis

- international or national human rights bodies
- NGOs
- organisations concerned with humanitarian issues and aid
- conflict management and international negotiation
- police forces or military/defence institutions
- academic bodies and research institutes
- public prosecutor's offices
- certain other branches of public administration

# Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

## Admission requirements

- university degree in law or an equivalent qualification
- adequate aptitude in English, both spoken and written
- a high level of motivation to participate in the programme
- at least one year's practical professional experience
- the support of two independent referees
- payment of the tuition fee

# Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

## National

academic work

judicial and other legal work

Ombudsman

national NGOs

public administration

## International

United Nations

European Court of Human Rights

International Committee of Red Cross

International Criminal Court

Council of Europe

European Union

international NGOs

# Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

## Study trips



Den Haag  
International Criminal Court  
International Court of Justice

Strasbourg  
European Court of Human Rights  
European Parliament



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