

LLM IN HUMAN RIGHTS (LM522) (Under Review)

1. Introduction

Human dignity is ensured through various means in society and law is an example of a normative system which strives to ensure respect of individuals as well as the preservation of the social order. Human rights law more specifically has emerged as a field of law in its own right to respond to the growing need for states, non-state actors and individuals to understand, and especially respect, protect and fulfil human rights which is a cross-cutting field. Hence, human rights law is a complex legal system which attempts to ensure that human dignity is preserved whilst reconciling, without compromising, the diverse needs of all actors.

This postgraduate programme therefore asserts the importance of fulfilling the need of individuals, in Mauritius as well as from abroad, to understand human rights and grasp the complex structure and functioning of human rights law and related issues. Consequently, students on this programme will be empowered to apply in their respective fields the knowledge and skills they will be developing. Whether from a governmental or non-governmental background, students will find it relevant and necessary to be able to identify and solve human rights issues. Ultimately, the existing framework of human rights will benefit from stronger protection which in turn will contribute to the welfare of everyone.

2. Objectives

- To advance in-depth knowledge of human rights law to students, highlighting the multi-disciplinary application of this field.
- To train students in the critical analysis of the functioning of human rights law.
- To empower students in the respect, protection and fulfilment of human. This will in turn help to develop and improve the skills needed in governmental and non-governmental bodies to deal with human rights issues.

3. General Entry Requirements

Successful completion of an undergraduate degree with

- at least a Second Class or 50%, whichever is applicable or
- a GPA not less than 2.5 out of 4 or equivalent, from a recognised higher education institution.

OR alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius.

4. Programme Requirements

A Bachelor's Degree with at least Second Class.

5. Programme Duration

	Normal (Years)	Maximum (Years)
Master's Degree (P/T):	2	4

6. **Credits per Year:** Minimum 6 credits, Maximum 36 credits.

7. Minimum Credits Required for the Awards

Master's Degree: 39 credits

8. Assessment

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows:

Assessment will be based on written examination of 3-hour duration and continuous assessment carrying 40% of total marks. Continuous assessment will consist of at least two (2) assessments per module per year.

For a student to pass a module an overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required without minimum threshold within the individual continuous assessment and written examination.

Each module of 45 hours carries 3 credits and each module of 90 hours carries 6 credits.

(1) Research Methods in Human Rights LAWS 6335

The module **Research Methods in Human Rights LAWS 6335** will be assessed as follows:

- (i) Continuous assessment: 50%
- (ii) Final written examination: 50%

(2) Residential Seminar LAWS 6342

During year 2, a Residential Seminar will be organised by the Faculty.

- Students should compulsorily attend and actively participate in the Residential Seminar whenever organised;
- Students will be required to submit a report of not less than 1200 words to their Programme Coordinator after attendance and participation;
- Seminar attendance and the report shall be assessed by the Programme Coordinator;
- Attendance at **all sessions of the Seminar is compulsory** and failure to do so would entail the non award of the LLM degree and
- Grade 'S' assigned upon satisfactory performance as well as attendance at all sessions of the Seminar, in order to be eligible for award of the degree

9. Dissertation

Dissertation will carry 9 credits. Assessment will also include performance at a *viva-voce* examination.

Submission Deadlines for Dissertation:

Last working day of the third month after final examinations.

10. Specific Regulations

If CPA < 40, the student will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake the modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake module(s) for which Grade C or above has been obtained.

Students are allowed to repeat a year only once over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies.

11. Important Note

The rules as stipulated in this Programme Structure and Outline Syllabus will replace all other rules and regulations.

12. List of Modules

MODULE CODE	Module Name	Credits
<u>CORE</u>		
Yearly		
LAWS 6331Y	Comparative Human Rights Law	6
LAWS 6332Y	Constitutionalism and Bill of Rights	6
LAWS 6333Y	Human Rights in Criminal Justice	6
LAWS 6336Y	Dissertation	9
Semester		
LAWS 6334	Human Rights in Public International Law	3
LAWS 6335	Research Methods in Human Rights	3
LAWS 6342	Residential Seminar	-
<u>ELECTIVES</u>		
LAWS 6337	Human Rights Law in Conflict Situations	3
LAWS 6338	Rights of Minorities and Vulnerable Groups	3
LAWS 6339	Human Rights and Criminal Law	3
LAWS 6340	Democratisation	3
LAWS 6341	Issues in Criminology	3

13. Programme Plan – LLM in Human Rights Law

<u>YEAR 1</u>			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
LAWS 6334	Human Rights in Public International Law ¹	3	3
LAWS 6332Y	Constitutionalism and Bill of Rights	3	6
LAWS 6335	Research Methods in Human Rights ²	3	3
LAWS 6333Y	Human Rights in Criminal Justice	3	6
<u>YEAR 2</u>			
Core	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
LAWS 6331Y	Comparative Human Rights Law	3	6
LAWS 6336Y	Dissertation	-	9
LAWS 6342	Residential Seminar ²	-	-
ELECTIVES	CHOOSE ANY TWO		
LAWS 6337	Human Rights Law in Conflict Situations ²	3	3
LAWS 6338	Rights of Minorities and Vulnerable Groups ¹	3	3
LAWS 6339 ¹	Human Rights and Criminal Law ¹	3	3
LAWS 6340	Democratisation ²	3	3
LAWS 6341 ¹	Issues in Criminology ¹	3	3

NOTE:

¹ - Module offered in semester 1

² - Module offered in semester 2