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Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law 2018-2020



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OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW



About the Programme

The Master's Programmes in International Human Rights Law is offered by the Faculty of Law and Public Affairs at Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia (PUC-FLPA). Offered in English language, it is an international level programme that draws on the academic and practitioner strengths of the Faculty as well as the extensive number of human rights experts associated with Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia (PUC). Since 2014, the Master's Programmes in International Human Rights Law is offered with support from the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI), an independent academic institution affiliated with Lund University in Sweden. The cooperation between PUC and RWI is financially supported by Swedish Development Cooperation.

Annually, the programme begins in the month of April. In 2018, the programme is scheduled to be offered on weekends throughout the year. Accordingly, students have the opportunity to study full time at the same time as working, should they so wish. Reflecting normal PUC practice, the programme begins with core master skills and knowledge courses, before students advance to more specialized international human rights courses. A variety of teaching and assessment methods are used, ensuring students achieve a high level understanding of theory and practice. International human rights are studied in the national, regional and international contexts. Graduating students will have a comprehensive understanding of human rights and will be able to utilize their knowledge and competency to promote

and protect human rights and development locally, regionally and internationally. Uniquely, students elect one of three graduation paths offered on this programme: a master thesis, or a master report (a more applied, practise oriented piece of work), or a comprehensive exam, including a research paper (a shorter paper with critical analysis on a given topic).

This programme is ideally suited to those working with human rights or interested in doing so. Human rights permeate almost all aspects of society and life thus the programme is also an excellent general qualification, offering the development of a number of core transferrable skills. Staff at justice sector institutions, government institutions, non-governmental organization, academic institutions, media outlets and freshly graduated students are likely to find the programme useful.



The institutions

Faculty of Law and Public Affairs of Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia

Established in 2002, Faculty of Law and Public Affairs (FLPA) places special emphasis on research and studies in law, social justice and policy. As a school of law, FLPA's mission is to produce a wide range of human resources for the 21st century through curricula grounded in the principles of multidisciplinary, internationalism, and pioneerism.



Internationally recognized for its excellence in teaching law in English, FLPA provides a unique and high quality legal education that is attainable by, and responsive to, the needs of the young generation.

FLPA's faculty members care about their teaching and see students as a future asset of the country, Asean Community and the world. FLPA is committed to instill knowledge, skills and produce responsible citizens. Therefore, FLPA welcomes both local and international students from all backgrounds who want to be part of our family.

LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS RESOURCE CENTER

PAÑÑĀSĀSTRA UNIVERSITY OF CAMBODIA



The resource center has a collection of books, periodical publication, and other audio-visual, and electronic (soft copies) materials on various topics of law and legal education. Students can do online research via their privately owned laptops or library's desktops. Students can access International Databases through a University IP address and university-wide wireless network.

Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

The Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI) is named after Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of tens of thousands of Jews and other people at risk in Hungary at the end of World War II. RWI combines evidence-based human rights research with direct engagement with partners to contribute to a wider understanding of and respect for human rights and international humanitarian law.

Since 1984 RWI have been affiliated with Lund University in Sweden, one of the world's top 100 rated universities. Today, we are around 60 people located in Amman, Beijing, Istanbul, Jakarta, Lund, Nairobi, Phnom Penh and Stockholm. Since 2013 the Institute implements a large human rights capacity development programme in Cambodia financed by Swedish Development Cooperation.

RWI is an experienced research and academic institution that has offices, programmes and convening power covering more than 40 countries. As a network-based organisation, RWI work through strong partnerships to bring about human rights change for all.



The Raoul Wallenberg Institute's office in Lund, Sweden

Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law

Programme Objectives

The Master Programme in International Human Rights Law aims to:

1. Deliver education for, about and through Human Rights in accordance with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training;
2. Develop capacity and ability to work in a variety of fields of human rights;
3. Build-up and enrich in-depth knowledge in international, regional and national human rights law and policy;
4. Develop theoretical and practical understanding and application of human rights; and
5. Cultivate an understanding and appreciation of principles and values of human rights.

Students Learning Outcomes

Students who have successfully completed this programme should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of international, regional and national human rights, with a focus on the emerging integrated framework of ASEAN;
2. Demonstrate growing consciousness and awareness of the importance of the principles and values of human rights;

3. Exhibit high-level competency in the following skills:
 - Research and writing;
 - Critical thinking and analysis;
 - English language communication;
 - Advocacy and legal reasoning; and
 - Problem-solving
4. Utilize their knowledge and competency to help promote and protect human rights and development locally, regionally and internationally; and
5. Produce high quality research and reports which may contribute to the academic and practitioner oriented dissemination of knowledge.

Academic Curriculum

Programme Structure

In order to complete this programme, students must obtain in total 54 credits (18 courses) from courses listed in the table below and spend at least 30 months on their studies. The final six months will be devoted to independent thesis or report writing. The programme is structured as follows:

Foundation Courses (all Master's Programme)

Cambodian Laws
in Context

Introduction to
International Law and
Human Rights

Negotiations and
Conflict Resolution

Global
Environmental
Awareness

Fundamentals of
Economics

Advanced Legal
Research and
Writing



Basic Major courses

International Human Rights Law
and Practice

Business Law and Practice

Intellectual Property Law and Practice



Major Courses for International Human Rights

Methods of Human
Rights Research

International and
Regional Human Rights
Law

Human Rights and
Criminal Justice

Contemporary Human
Rights Issues

Human Rights of
Women

PLUS Two elective
Human Rights course



Graduation paths

Thesis Path

Project Path

Comprehensive Exam Path

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with horizontal, wispy clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The lower portion of the image shows the dark silhouettes of hills and trees against the bright, glowing horizon.

Article 1 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.



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The details of the programme are as follows:

▶ Six Foundation Courses (18 credits)

4 of these courses (common courses) are required for all PUC Master students.

2 of these courses (directed courses) are compulsory for all students taking a master degree in Law.

▶ Three Basic Major Courses (9 credits)

These courses reflect the three master directions in law offered by PUC and are compulsory for all students taking a master degree in law.

▶ Five Major Courses in international Human Rights law (15 credits)

These courses are compulsory for all students taking the master degree in international human rights law.

▶ Two Elective Courses (6 credits)

Students taking the degree in international human rights law are required to select two of the elective courses. The courses offered depend on staff availability and students' interest.

▶ One Graduation path (6 credits)

The students taking the degree in international human rights law can choose between three graduation paths: 1) master thesis or 2) master report or 3) comprehensive exam (including research paper). Each path consists of a preparation course and the final master thesis, report or short research paper.

Class Schedule

The classes will be conducted during the weekends in order to enable students with full-time employment to attend. Normally, classes will be provided in three sessions scheduled between 08.00-17:00 on Saturday and 8:00- 11.00 on Sunday. The specific schedule of each course will be provided in the PUC academic calendar available on the PUC webpage. PUC has three academic terms per year:

Term 1	April-August
Term 2	August-November (Summer term - intensive courses)
Term 3	November-April

Admission Process

To be admitted to a Master's programme, students must submit the following documents:

Required documents

- ▶ Completed PUC's graduate programme application form (available at PUC Legal Clinic);
- ▶ Two photos (4 X 6);
- ▶ A copy of resume/CV;
- ▶ A copy of bachelor's degree certified by a competent authority;
- ▶ A copy of bachelor's degree transcript;
- ▶ A personal statement letter;
- ▶ Two letters of recommendation; and

- ▶ A TOEFL score of at least 550 or IELTS score of at least 6.0 (If the TOEFL score or IELTS score cannot be obtained, applicants are required to take PUC GAT Test).

Please note that PUC GAT Test can be waived if applicants hold a bachelor's degree from PUC or any native English speaking country.

Interview

Applicants might be required to have an interview with the Dean of the Faculty if an undergraduate major is different from a major that applicants intend to pursue in a master's programme.

How to Apply for Admission

Applicants must submit all the required documents above to PUC Legal Clinic (see address below), and pay a non-refundable application fee of USD \$5 for local applicants and USD \$20 for foreign applicants (non-scholarship applicants).

Tuitions Fees and Scholarships

The total tuitions fee for this weekend Master's Programme is approximately 4,000 USD (for a Cambodian student) and 8,000 USD (for a foreign student), excluding accommodation and living expenses.

Cambodian applicants who need financial supports to study this Master's Programme may apply for the scholarships. As part of cooperation between RWI and PUC, a limited number of scholarships for applicants holding

Cambodian nationality will be provided. Subject to approved funding from the Swedish Development Cooperation (Sida), RWI will provide up to 12 scholarships for individuals to study the Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law 2018-2020. In addition, PUC will provide up to 2 full scholarships as well as 3 partial scholarships (50%). These scholarships cover full tuitions fees for the whole Master's Programme.

In order to apply for the Scholarships the applicants must submit a separate application. A Scholarship Selection Committee (SSC) consisting of representatives from both RWI and PUC as well as external individuals with a solid human rights background will be formed. SSC will meet regularly to identify the most suitable candidates for the scholarships. Their recommendation will be based on both submitted documents and interviews of shortlisted candidates.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, the applicants must fulfil the following general requirements:

- ▶ Be Cambodian citizens residing in Cambodia;
- ▶ Be accepted to the Master's Programme, i.e. fulfil all the general requirements for the Master Programme, including academic merits, English language skills etc; and
- ▶ Be committed to Human Rights.

In selecting the scholarship recipients, SSC will take into consideration the applicants':

- ▶ Academic merits;
- ▶ Critical thinking skills;

- ▶ Interest in pursuing a career in the human rights field (Academic, NGO, Government, Justice Sector etc);
- ▶ Justification of how and why the Master's Programme will enhance their career goals;
- ▶ Degree of maturity, self-reliance, self-discipline, and resourcefulness;
- ▶ Initiative, drive, willingness and opportunity to complete the Master's Programme in a timely manner, and;
- ▶ Potential to become leaders, opinion formers, and decision makers.

In relation to the composition of the group of scholarship recipients, SSC will aim at obtaining:

- ▶ Gender balance;
- ▶ Geographical balance;
- ▶ Balance between applicants' professional background (government, NGO, justice sector, academic etc);and
- ▶ A wide diversity of students in general.

Finally, SSC might prioritise applicants from a disadvantage background.

How to Apply for Scholarships

Individuals who wish to apply for a scholarship should submit the following supporting documents (in English):

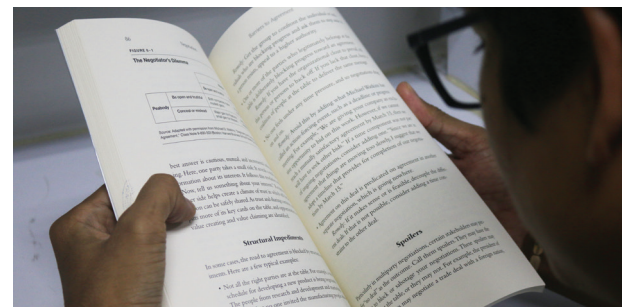
- ▶ Cover sheet of the scholarship application to the Master's Programme (available at Administrative Office located within PUC Legal Clinic);
- ▶ Detailed Curriculum Vitae;

- ▶ Scholarship motivation letter (400-600 words) explaining why the applicant should be awarded a scholarship referring to the selection criteria above; Proof of English language skills;
- ▶ Copy of the applicant's ID card or passport with her/his personal data and photograph; and
- ▶ Any other documents the applicant wish to submit, for example recommendation letters, diplomas, certificates etc.

Note:

Applicants who wish to apply for admission to the Master's Programme must complete the PUC Graduate Programme Form and submit all required documents to PUC Legal Clinic. Interested applicants are recommended to submit their application as early as possible. If applicants also wish to apply for a scholarship, they must submit a separate Scholarship Application Form. Both application forms for admission to the Master's Programme and scholarships are available at PUC Legal Clinic.

No documents will be returned to the applicants so please submit certified copies if you wish to keep the originals. Shortlisted candidates might be asked to provide originals.





Picture taken in front of the main University building at Lund University, Sweden

Exchange Programme

A special feature of the Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law at PUC is the opportunity for selected students to join an exchange programme at Lund University, Sweden. Normally two outstanding students per year are offered this opportunity. Students that have completed at least the first two semesters (five courses) of the Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law at PUC may apply for a scholarship to study a human rights course at the Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law at Lund University, Sweden.

The course equals 7,5 Higher Education Credits according to the Swedish system and covers at least 30 teaching hours and plenty of individual study. The successful students are expected to spend in total up to six weeks in Sweden. Based on agreement between RWI and PUC the course equals 3 credits at the Master's Programme at PUC.



Off-Campus Study Trip

RWI and PUC normally (subject to funding) organise an intensive weekend course off-campus for students who have completed the first year of the Master's Programme. The purpose of the intensive weekend course is to boost the students' human rights knowledge and strengthen the network between the students. Different interactive teaching methods (group discussions, role play, debate, moot court) are used during this course.

Important Dates

Application for Admission	Open until April 12, 2018
Application for Scholarship	Open until March 12, 2018
Admission and Scholarship Result	Early April 2018
Semester Starts	April 21, 2018

Student testimonials



Sdeung Phearong

(LL.M. student) - Programme Manager of a Foreign Embassy in Cambodia

Working at a foreign embassy in Cambodia and studying the Master's programme in international human rights law at the same time is a benefit for me. The programme allows me to deepen my knowledge in international and national laws, politics, globalization, and it also shapes my understanding of the current trend and development of human rights in Cambodia.



Sak Sakksam

(LL.M. Student) - Court Clerk at Appeal Court

Studying the Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law is important for my current and future career, because it enhances my comprehensive understanding and application of human rights at my work place. Furthermore, it also improves my moral knowledge and critical thinking, and reshaping my personality that is mainly associated with mindset, virtue, and responsibility. With this knowledge, I hope I can participate in promoting the respect for human rights and assure the quality of justice for all.



Outh Sophany

(LL.M. Student) - Official at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

This ogramme is important for both personal and professional development. It enhances my understanding and critical thinking of human rights and helps me develop my analytic ability and communication skills as well. It enables me to widen my expertise, particularly the knowledge in laws, development, education, and research.



Mao Veasna

(LL.M. Student) - Worker at Samakum Teang Tnaut

As an NGO worker, I have developed my critical understanding about human rights law and therefore are able to analyze when human rights are being violated, particularly in housing and land sectors in which I am working on. This programme equips me with the solid knowledge that I can use to defend disadvantaged people whose rights are violated.



Chea Sokuntheany

(LL.M. Student) – Legal Assistant at Bun & Associates

This programme has enriched me with both technical knowledge and skills related to human rights. I have been able to think more critically on different issues at my workplace and develop human rights friendly advices for my clients. In addition, the programme also helps me to plan for my future career related to the development of human rights.



Bon Borany

(LL.M. Student) – Profession in Labour Dispute Settlement

This programme helps widening my knowledge in both domestic and international laws related to labour rights. It helps improve my skills in settling the labour dispute more effectively in my future career.

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