

# JD-LLM INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS JOINT DEGREE

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## Program Overview:

Northwestern Law and its Center for International Human Rights (<https://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/humanrights/>) offers a four-year joint degree program leading to both a JD and an LLM in International Human Rights, with a focus on both international human rights law and international criminal law. A distinctive feature of the program is a required, semester-long externship with one of a number of designated international and hybrid criminal tribunals, foreign supreme courts, and international human rights organizations. The externship can be undertaken during the joint degree student's second, third, or fourth years and counts as elective credit toward the required 85 credits for the JD. Upon completion of all requirements, JD-LLM IHR students are awarded both degrees simultaneously.

## Degree Requirements

Students must satisfy all JD requirements, plus 20 credits to satisfy LLM-IHR requirements, for a total of at least 105 credits. The International Externship (12 credits) is required for the JD-LLM IHR. These credits are in addition to the 20 credits required for the LLM-IHR, but may be counted toward JD electives:

Course	Title
<b>JD-IHR Required Courses</b>	
<i>Counted toward IHR LLM (8 credits)</i>	
CONPUB 694	International Human Rights Law
CONPUB 695	International Criminal Law
CONPUB 703	Colloquium: International Human Rights (1st of 2 required semesters)
CONPUB 703	Colloquium: International Human Rights (2nd of 2 required semesters)
<i>Counted toward JD Electives (12 credits)</i>	
CONPUB 705	International Externship Seminar
CONPUB 705A	International Externship Field Placement
<b>IHR Electives (12 credits)</b>	
<i>Select from the following:</i>	
CONPUB 682	Women, Gender and Human Rights
CONPUB 685	International Criminal Law in U.S. Courts
CONPUB 698	Refugees and Asylum
CONPUB 700	Nation Building: International Human Rights in Transitional Societies
CONPUB 702	International HR Law: Differing Perspectives, Europe, the Americas, US
CONPUB 706	International Law: the Law of War
CONPUB 707	Business and Human Rights
CONPUB 709	A New World Order: the Role of the United Nations in Advancing the Rule of Law and Human Rights
CONPUB 726	Public Corruption & the Law
CONPUB 735	Human Trafficking

CONPUB 737	Legal Issues in Arab-Israeli conflict
CONPUB 755	Global Freedom of Expression and the Press
LAWSTUDY 629	Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal Research
LITARB 605I	Introduction to Trial Advocacy (International Track)
LITARB 714	Clinic: International Human Rights
LITARB 737	Clinic: International Human Rights LLMs Fieldwork
LITARB 741	Clinic: International Human Rights Law and Practice
PPTYTORT 660	International Environmental Law
PPTYTORT 693	Health and Human Rights
PPTYTORT 694	Advanced Topics in Health and Human Rights

**Minimum Credits Required: 32**

*20 credits counted toward LLM-IHR / 12 credits counted toward JD Electives*

## Journal Opportunities

All JD-LLM IHR students who are interested in journal service must compete in the journal write-on process at the end of the spring semester of their first year of law school (unless the student is offered and accepts membership through the journals Provisional Membership Program offered by three of the journals during the spring semester of the first year). Journal service must consist of two consecutive years of service. Non-consecutive years of journal service result in limited and inconsistent journal experience for both the student and the journal.

### Journal Provisional Membership Program

Students interested in the *Northwestern Journal of Human Rights*, *Journal of Law and Social Policy*, and *Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property* may participate in the 1L Provisional Membership Program for JHR, JLSP, and JTIP in the spring of their 1L year. In this program, students participate in cite-checking and other journal activities. Upon successful completion of the program, students may be offered full membership in the journal. JD-LLM IHR students should inform the editors at the time they begin the Provisional Membership Program that they are JD-LLM IHR students.

### Write-on Process

Students must identify their program on the write-on contact form (and not on any competition submissions to be evaluated). Although the contact form does not ask for this information, the student should identify it so that the journal making the offer of membership offer is made aware of the circumstances. When journals submit their list of selected student competitors, the journal will be informed if any selections are JD-LLM IHR students. If so, when making the offer, the journal will ask that student to declare his or her intentions between the following options:

- To serve for two consecutive years (student plans to complete externship in his or her 4th year)
- To defer journal service for one year (student plans to complete externship in his or her 2nd year)

In exceptional circumstances, a student may be able to complete his/her externship during the third year. If a student wishes to complete his/her externship during the third year, then the student must communicate his or her absence in a timely manner to the journal executive board. During the year in which a student is completing an externship, his or her journal role must be consistent with both the student's absence and the journal's needs regarding that student's service. Thus, the journal will only allow the student to take on a role that can be fulfilled without being physically present on campus for both semesters of the academic year. Such roles

will vary from journal to journal and from board position to board position. This approach is the same that is applied when any journal member seeks to study abroad during a year of journal service.