



**Middlesex
University**

**MASTERS IN
HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS**

POSTGRADUATE LAW PROGRAMMES

MA

Postgraduate Diploma

Postgraduate Certificate

MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL



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WELCOME

Dear Colleague

Welcome to Middlesex University and to the postgraduate programme in **Human Rights and Business**. We are delighted that you are considering following the programme with us and trust that you will find it innovative, intellectually stimulating and of practical strategic use.

Our programme is designed to tackle the constituent elements necessary to conduct business in an international setting. We aim to equip you with a range of legal tools to enable you to follow, influence and work within human rights frameworks. Over the duration of this course we will develop your legal research and writing skills and give you the opportunity to explore how new regulatory frameworks impact on your business and operational activities.

The Law Department has a growing reputation for the quality of its research and is building significant links globally through its human rights activities. We have strong links in India, China, the Central Asian states, the Middle East, Latin America, the Pacific and East Africa, and much of our research and policy work focuses on these areas. The research interests and publications of the Department's staff cover a wide range of subject areas and are reflected in the pathways and modules offered on our other postgraduate programmes. All staff have specialist knowledge and are qualified to PhD level or hold equivalent professional qualifications.

As you read through this prospectus you will find more detailed information relating to the specific content of the course. If you would like to discuss the suitability of this course for you and to ensure that it matches your aspirations, we would be very happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you to one of the postgraduate programmes in Human Rights and Business.

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

This programme is designed to cater to the professional who wishes to undertake some of its components as part of a Continuing Professional Development exercise, but also to engage those who aspire to a postgraduate qualification: at Certificate, Diploma or Masters level.

The programme commences with six modules that lay the framework for exploring the complex and interlinked issues impacting the area of business and human rights. These modules are designed to equip individuals working in the area with a legal toolkit encompassing the principal issues, legal regimes and challenges across six key areas that form the pillars for this area of work. Each module will be delivered over two intensive block days, with significant reading material provided and extensive use of our e-learning tools.

The next level of the programme provides candidates with the opportunity to specialise in one of two areas: an examination of the issue of corporate liability for human rights violations and international law, or an examination of the constitutional regimes governing vulnerable groups in emerging economies. Both modules allow a detailed specialisation, encompassing more complex research and writing skills.

Finally, candidates wishing to gain the MA qualification are required to undertake a substantive body of research with the aim of producing a dissertation. This project is the culmination of a range of research and writing skills and will equip you for the pursuit of a doctorate in the area.

‘AN INTERNATIONALLY
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LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successfully completing the programme you will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- The ability to identify and analyse complex legal issues and problems in the field of human rights and business.
- Development of an awareness of some of the broader social, philosophical and policy contexts in which these issues and problems arise.
- Demonstration of a critical understanding of the appropriate legal values, principles and rules.
- The ability to apply the knowledge and skills learned to a professional context.
- An understanding of the purposes of and application of academic conventions in research and writing.
- The ability to implement suitable research methodologies.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

FIRST LEVEL

<i>Title</i>	FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LEGAL REGIMES	THE UNITED NATIONS AND TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS	UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS	WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW	INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION
<i>Components</i>	Subjects of international law: states, international organisations, transnational corporations and individuals Principles of state responsibility Sources of international law: treaties, custom, norms of <i>jus cogens</i> and general principles Arbitration and judicial settlement of disputes	International regime for the protection of human rights Regional regimes for the protection of human rights Human rights and trade Human rights and armed conflict International criminal law	History and rationale of the global regulation of business Transnational corporations as subjects of international law Development of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and its impact Bretton Woods Institutions NGOs and global business	Sustained structural inequality and its impact on business The millennium promise and its mechanisms Global/national poverty eradication strategies Impact of the MDGs on business Foreign direct investments and the MDGs	Institutions: WTO and GATT Regulation of international trade Trade negotiations success and failures The dispute settlement mechanism	History and purpose of the ILO Functioning of the ILO and its impact on world trade, national and transnational business The notion of collective bargaining and its impact Key ILO standards
<i>Credits</i>	15	15	15	15	15	15
<i>Timeline</i>	October 2010	November 2010	December 2010	January 2011	February 2011	March 2011

SECOND LEVEL

On completion of the six 15-credit modules candidates will be invited to choose one of the following two 30-credit modules:

<i>Title</i>	VULNERABLE GROUPS IN EMERGING ECONOMIES	CORPORATE LIABILITY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
<i>Components</i>	Key issues of international minority rights law Indigenous peoples in emerging economies Brazil, Russia, India and China and minorities Other emerging economies and minorities	The concept of corporate civil and criminal liability The history of corporate liability for international law violations The Alien Torts Act and questions of jurisdiction Litigation case studies The future of corporate liability for international crimes
<i>Credits</i>	30	30
<i>Timeline</i>	October 2011	October 2011

THIRD LEVEL

On completion of all the taught modules, candidates wishing to achieve the MA will carry out research and write their dissertation.

<i>Title</i>	DISSERTATION
<i>Credits</i>	60
<i>Timeline</i>	January–May 2012

DELIVERY

The programme is designed to accommodate working students, with convenient teaching times. The Masters programme is taught over a period of two years with an average commitment of two days' contact time per month. The Diploma may be undertaken in 15 months and the Certificate in seven months.

FACULTY



Dr. Nadia Bernaz BA, LL.M, PhD
Nadia has published in human rights and international law, and is an expert on the abolition of capital punishment.



Professor Joshua Castellino B.Comm, MA, PhD (International Law)
Formerly a journalist in India, Joshua is Professor of Law, Head of the Law Department, and a recognised expert on minority rights, public international law and comparative constitutional law.



Dr. Jeremie Gilbert LLB, Maîtrise (Paris X), LL.M in Human Rights, PhD (International Law)
Jeremie is an acknowledged expert on indigenous peoples' rights. His teaching and research interests lie in the fields of international human rights law, minority and indigenous peoples' rights.



Lilian Miles LLB, LL.M International Business Law, PCED
Lilian has taught Business, Company and Contract Law for many years. She has published widely in the area of corporate governance.



Dr. Helena Wray BA Solicitor, PhD (London)
Helena qualified as a solicitor before completing her PhD. She worked as a city solicitor before embarking on her current specialism, teaching and publishing on migration law, particularly as it affects families.

The modules have been designed to make your time with us an innovative and inspiring learning experience. Professors and other professionals will be involved in the delivery of the modules, bringing you their expertise and practical experience.

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'NETWORK AND INTERACT WITH OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRACTITIONERS'

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAMME

In addition to gaining an internationally recognised postgraduate qualification, you will benefit greatly as a professional practitioner. The programme is designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of individuals who are already working at decision-making level within their organisations. In this context it provides practitioners with:

- cutting-edge knowledge of the theoretical issues concerning human rights and business operations
- the skills necessary to be engaged in strategic business decisions as well as the development of appropriate policies
- the opportunity to network and interact with other professional practitioners
- the possibility of engaging in further research towards a research award at doctoral level.



MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL



Middlesex University Business School is a major international business school based in London with an overseas campus in Dubai and a global portfolio of partnerships delivering high-quality accredited programmes in business and management. The Law Department is one of the departments of Middlesex University Business School, and has been a major provider of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, including professionally accredited programmes, for over 50 years, with an impressive track record of working in partnership with public, private sector and international organisations.

Our programmes are designed to meet the needs of candidates, employers and the professions. We aim to develop students' personal and professional knowledge and academic skills and competences to positively impact their effectiveness. We have a growing reputation in Law, Business and Management research, with our Research Assessment Exercise 2008 submission representing one of the most significant entries among peer Business Schools.

The School comprises six departments: Law, Accounting and Finance, Economics and Statistics, Business and Management, Human Resource Management, and Marketing. Our student body is large and international, with over 3,500 undergraduate, over 1,500 postgraduate and 60 doctoral students. This body of students is drawn from over 100 countries, making for a vibrant learning environment and a leading destination for students from around the world.

We are based in Hendon, north-west London, where our campus has benefited recently from a multi-million pound investment programme including major new lecture theatres, seminar rooms, laboratories, social spaces and library. Many of our programmes are also taught on the Dubai campus, and at collaborative partner institutions all over the world.

For more information, please see the University websites at www.mdx.ac.uk and www.mdx.ac.uk/24-7

HOW TO APPLY

To download an application form please visit:

www.mdx.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/law/index.aspx

STUDENT PROFILE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The course is aimed at executives working within businesses or the third sector, who function in a decision-making capacity. Emphasis will therefore be placed on your current designation or role alongside an assessment of your experience to date. In addition we would expect you to have obtained a second class honours degree (2.2 or above) or an overseas equivalent qualification.

If you do not hold an honours degree but possess relevant professional experience or qualifications, you may be admitted subject to the programme leader's discretion.

Where English is a second language you may be required to acquire a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent.

FEES

Total programme fees – MA	£10,800
Total programme fees – Postgraduate Diploma	£7,200
Total programme fees – Postgraduate Certificate	£5,400





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