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> THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL'S concentration in human rights takes advantage of the Human Rights Center's location within the Law School to help prepare students to work worldwide in this field. The internationally renowned Center works locally, nationally, and internationally to provide training, educational materials, and assistance for the promotion and protection of human rights.

J.D. and LL.M. students and Fulbright Humphrey Fellows concentrating in human rights immerse themselves in international human rights, choosing from a wide variety of courses, including American Indian law, civil rights, immigration, and the death penalty.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Opportunities to study and work with the internationally renowned Human Rights Center
- Connections with the international human rights community and Minnesota-based organizations
- Options to work on fellowship projects worldwide through the Human Rights Center or study abroad through Law School exchange programs
- Use of Human Rights Library's extensive collections of human rights documents and research tools
- International law and civil rights moot court opportunities and practical training with the human-rights-focused clinics
- Activities with the Law School's Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment, and the Life Sciences; the Institute on Crime & Public Policy; the Institute on Race & Poverty; and the Minnesota Justice Foundation
- Cooperative programs with the University of Minnesota's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the Human Rights Program in the Institute for Global Studies, the Center for Bioethics, and others
- Opportunities to interact with Humphrey Fulbright Fellows, mid-career public service leaders from designated countries worldwide

> **STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Concentration courses, taught by some of the **leading human rights experts** in the country, include core courses in international human rights law, human rights advocacy, and international relations. Students also choose from a wide variety of specialized courses and clinics focused on such topics as human rights, and refugee and asylum law.

The Human Rights Center, located in the Law School, offers **access to study and work locally, nationally, and internationally** in the field of human rights. The Center also serves as a **national clearinghouse** for human rights education materials and training.

> **PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Travel and Study Abroad Opportunities

Through the Human Rights Center, students have the option to travel worldwide to work on fellowship projects or to study through international exchange programs with six universities.

The Upper Midwest Human Rights Program

This fellowship program provides law students with opportunities to gain practical human rights experience. A fellowship placement offers both training for the individual and assistance to the host organization. The Human Rights Center awards an average of 25 fellowship grants each year to cover travel and living expenses. (www.humanrightsfellowship.org)

Connections to Minnesota Human Rights Organizations

Law students concentrating in human rights have opportunities to work with many human rights organizations located in Minnesota, including Advocates for Human Rights, Advocating Change Together, American Refugee Committee, Center for Victims of Torture, Children's Law Center, International Treaty Council, and many more.

> **STUDENT-LED OPPORTUNITIES**

Amnesty International, Asylum Law Project, and Latino Law Students Alliance are just three of the over 50 student organizations at the Law School.

> "The most powerful thing about studying human rights at Minnesota is the interconnection of course work and faculty with real-world human rights experience. I had placements with three Twin Cities human rights organizations and did a U.N. internship, experiences that led directly to securing employment at a U.S.-based NGO and ultimately to my own human rights consulting group in Africa. Support from the Law School has been essential in all these efforts."

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