GHENT UNIVERSITY

# Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2025-2026

## Human Rights: Multidisciplinary Perspectives (B001581)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 5.0** **Study time 150 h**

**Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027**

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| A (semester 2) | English | Gent |

**Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027**

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| Brems, Eva | RE22 | lecturer-in-charge |
| Dessein, Joost | LA27 | co-lecturer |
| Destrooper, Tine | RE22 | co-lecturer |
| D'Haese, Marijke | LA27 | co-lecturer |
| Grymonprez, Hans | PP04 | co-lecturer |
| Keygnaert, Ines | GE39 | co-lecturer |
| Stalpaert, Christel | LW17 | co-lecturer |

| Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027 | crdts | offering |
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| Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology | 5 | A |
| Bachelor of Laws in Laws | 5 | A |
| Bachelor of Science in Business Economics | 5 | A |
| Bachelor of Science in Communication Science | 5 | A |
| Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Management | 5 | A |
| Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject China) | 5 | A |
| Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject India) | 5 | A |
| Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Japan) | 5 | A |
| Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Maritime Engineering) | 5 | A |
| Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Middle East Studies) | 5 | A |
| Master of Arts in Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies | 5 | A |
| Master of Science in Civil Engineering | 5 | A |
| Master of Science in Conflict and Development Studies | 5 | A |
| Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering | 5 | A |
| Master of Science in Engineering: Ships and Marine Technology | 5 | A |
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| Master of Science in Mechanical and Electrical Systems Engineering | 5 | A |
| Master of Laws in International and European Law(main subject International and Human Rights Law) | 5 | A |
| Exchange Programme Global Studies and World Societies | 5 | A |
| Exchange Programme History | 5 | A |
| Exchange Programme in Educational Sciences | 5 | A |
| Exchange Programme in Law | 5 | A |
| Exchange Programme in Political and Social Sciences | 5 | A |
| Exchange Programme Oriental Languages and Cultures | 5 | A |
| Linking Course Master of Science in Social Work and Social Pedagogy | 5 | A |
| Ghent University Elective Courses | 5 | A |
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| Ghent University Elective Courses | 5 | A |
| Elective Set Sustainability and Society | 5 | A |

**Teaching languages**

English

**Keywords**

Human Rights
Multi- and Interdisciplinarity

**Position of the course**

This course offers a broad approach to human rights from several scholarly disciplines, and an introduction to the role human rights (can) play in different social fields. Central concepts are intorduced, as well as important theories and authors. The perspectives are critical, while remaining accessible for students from very diverse disciplinary backgrounds. The main objective is to introduce students to different scholarly discourses about human rights and/or mobilising human rights frameworks.

**Contents**

During the class meetings, experts in different disciplines offer introduction to human rights discourse and the way human rights are mobilised in their field of expertise. This includes law, philosophy, political science, anthropology, health care, IT and more.

**Initial competences**

**Final competences**

1 Insight in the possibilities and limitations of human rights as a discourse and a framework in different contexts.
2 Reflecting and discussing within the interdisciplinary field of human rights studies.
3 Ability to adopt a critical scholarly attitude to human rights.
4 Integrating ultural sensitibity and respect for diversity, pluralism and tolerance in scholarly work and in the functioning within one's discipline.
5 Insight in interactins between scholarly disciplines and in multidisciplinary questions regarding human rights.
6 Ability to mobilize resources of different scholarly disciplines to analyse and address human rights questions.

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

The course counts between 10 and 13 class meetings of 3 hours. Each week a different expert will address human rights from their specific discipline.
Student participation is essential.
Students are expected to read assigned readings before each class meeting.

**Study material**

None

**References**

**Course content-related study coaching**

Students are welcome to ask questions during class meetings. They can also address individual teachers via e-mail or make an appointment.

**Assessment moments**

continuous assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Written assessment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

**Calculation of the examination mark**

**Facilities for Working Students**

No evening or distance education.
It is not possible to study this course autonomously.