

Human Rights Studies M.A. Sample Course and Residence Registration Schedules

The following provides information on registering for Residence and includes sample course schedules for HRSMA students. Students are advised to review relevant GSAS policies. More information about Residence registration is available at <https://gsas.columbia.edu/student-guide/policy-handbook/ma-registration> The GSAS cost of attendance page provides for up-to-date information regarding tuition and fees: <https://www.gsas.columbia.edu/content/cost-attendance>

HRSMA students are required to complete 30 credits and 2 Residence Units to graduate. Students have 4 years to complete the degree, excluding leaves of absence.

- Residence unit (RU): four or more courses in a semester up to 20 credits
- Half residence unit (0.5RU): up to three courses in a semester
- Quarter residence unit (0.25RU): one or two courses in a semester
- Extended Residence (ER): students who have completed 2 full RUs must register for ER (up to 20 credits in a semester)

Full-Time & International Students

Full-time students complete the degree in 3 academic semesters. Students holding a visa must register for either a full Residence Unit or for Extended Residence to maintain their visa status. All other students can decide to enroll in a full (1RU), half (0.5RU) or quarter (0.25RU) residence status in order to complete the minimum of 2 full RUs required for the degree. Once students have completed 2 full RUs, they must register for ER. Below are sample registration schedules for full-time students. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.

Example 1

Fall Term (RU)	Spring Term (RU)	Summer/Fall Term (ER)
Introduction to Human Rights	International Human Rights Law	Thesis Course
Concentration Course	Human Rights Research Seminar	Elective Course
Concentration Course	Concentration Course	
Elective Course	Elective Course	

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Example 2

Fall Term (RU)	Spring Term (RU)	Summer/Fall Term (ER)
Introduction to Human Rights	Human Rights Research Seminar	Thesis Course
International Human Rights Law	Concentration Course	Elective Course
Concentration Course	Elective Course	
Concentration Course	Elective Course	

Part-Time Students

Students completing the program part-time may do so by registering for half (0.5RU) or quarter (0.25RU) residence unit in order to complete the minimum of 2 full RUs required for the degree. Once students have completed 2 full RUs, they must register for ER. Below are sample registration schedules for part-time students. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.

Example 3

Fall (1) Term (0.5 RU)	Spring (1) Term (0.5 RU)	Fall (2) Term (0.5 RU)	Spring (2) Term (0.5RU)
Introduction to Human Rights International Human Rights Law Concentration Course	Human Rights Research Seminar Concentration Course Elective Course	Concentration Course Elective Course Elective Course	Thesis Course Additional Course (optional)

Example 4

Fall (1) Term (0.25 RU)	Spring (1) Term (0.25RU)	Summer (1) Term (0.25 RU)	Fall (2) Term (0.25 RU)
Introduction to Human Rights Concentration Course	International Human Rights Law Concentration Course	Concentration Course Additional Course (optional)	Elective Course Additional Course (optional)
Spring (2) Term (0.25RU)	Summer (2) Term (0.25 RU)	Fall (3) Term (0.25 RU)	Spring (3) Term (0.25RU)
Human Rights Research Seminar Additional Course (optional)	Elective Course Additional Course (optional)	Elective Course Additional Course (optional)	Thesis Course Additional Course (optional)