

EMA, The European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation

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The European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation (**EMA**) is one of the eight Regional Master's Programmes organised by the **Global Campus of Human Rights**. It was created with the support of the **European Union** and **43 participating universities** from all the EU member states, the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

EMA is a **one-year** advanced master's course aimed at educating professionals in the field of human rights and democratisation. The Master's degree offers an **action- and policy-oriented approach** to learning that combines legal, political, historical, anthropological, and philosophical perspectives with **skill-building** activities, and in-depth study of the following areas: Human Rights Institutions, Mechanisms and Standards; Human Rights in Context: Historical, Philosophical, Religious and Anthropological Perspectives; Globalisation, Development and Human Rights; Building and Protecting Democracy; Human Rights, Peace and Security.

EMA provides the foundation for a **career** in national, international, governmental, inter-governmental and nongovernmental organisations, as well as academic institutions dealing with human rights and democratisation.

THE PROGRAMME

EMA is **both a residential and an exchange programme**. The **first semester** from September to January is organised at Global Campus Headquarters in Venice and the **second semester** from February to July takes place in **one of the 43 participating universities**. The multidisciplinary **EMA** Programme includes lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, skill-building sessions and individual.

SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS

EMA is primarily financed by the **European Union**. **EMA** also collaborates with UNESCO, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Region of Veneto, and benefits from close cooperation with the Council of Europe, the OSCE and other international organisations.

The **EMA** Programme is further enriched by the input of a range of non-governmental organisations that participate in its teaching programme and in the EMA Internship Programme.

Venue: **Global Campus Headquarters in Venice Lido** at the Monastery of San Nicolò.

Admission Requirements: **EMA** is open to EU and non-EU citizens. The criteria adopted during the selection process are academic ability and background, relevant additional **academic work**, courses or publications, relevant practical **experience**, **motivation** and **language** competence. Applicants are required to hold a university degree of a high standard in a field relevant to human rights, including disciplines in Law, Social Sciences and Humanities, and must have a minimum of **180 ECTS** (Bachelor/General Degree). Certified fluency in English is an admission requirement to the programme.

More information about **EMA**, the faculty and the programme can be found at: <https://emahumanrights.org>



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