

**University of Denver Josef Korbel School of International Studies  
and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law**

**Interdisciplinary Certificate in  
International Law and Human Rights**

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**I. Background and Description**

The Joint Certificate in International Law and Human Rights allows graduate students at both the Josef Korbel School of International Studies (Korbel) and the Sturm College of Law (Sturm) to pursue interdisciplinary studies in international human rights law. For decades, students at Korbel and Sturm have shown a strong interest in international human rights law while both schools have historically offered a broad range of courses in the area. Moreover, students from both schools have gone on to careers in various aspects of international human rights work. The Joint Certificate in International Law and Human Rights integrates the strengths and many course offerings at each school with the goal of enriching and deepening the students' understanding of international law and human rights—which they may then carry over into the job market. Please note that students wanting to complete the certificate will need to take a few credits more than their degree requirements because of degree requirements at Sturm and Korbel related to how many credits can be transferred from other schools on campus.

**II. Certificate Co-Directors**

Professor Claude d'Estrée MTS, The Divinity School, Harvard University JD, Northeastern University School of Law PON, Harvard Law School Lecturer-in-Law International Human Rights Degree Program Director, Center on Rights Development (CORD) Director, Human Trafficking Clinic (HTC) Josef Korbel School of International Studies	Professor Celia Taylor LLM, Columbia University JD, New York University BA, George Washington University Professor of Law Nanda Chair Director, International Legal Studies Program Sturm College of Law
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**III. Requirements**

Completing the certificate requires 35 quarter hours (for Korbel students) or 24 semester hours of credit (for Sturm students). By its nature, the certificate also requires taking courses both on the quarter system (at Korbel) and on the semester system (at Sturm). These are the same courses, just taken for different numbers of credit because of the differences between the quarter and semester systems for Korbel and Sturm, respectively.

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Generally, students take half their coursework at the Korbel School (including one or two core courses and two to three electives) and half their coursework at the Sturm College of Law (including one or two core courses and two or three electives). **Since not all courses are offered every semester or quarter, students are strongly advised to take the required courses and courses they are most interested in as soon as they are offered.**

### **Core Courses (all three required)**

L4320- International Law; and

INTS 4940 – Introduction to Human Rights; and

L4319 OR L4290-International Human Rights; or INTS 4936-International Law & Human Rights

### **Electives (each student takes 4 or 5: minimum 2 from Korbel and 2 from Sturm)**

#### KORBEL

INTS 4630 – Civilian Protection in Armed Conflict  
INTS 4920 – Conflict Resolution  
INTS 4463 – Discrimination, Minorities and Indigenous Peoples  
INTS 4625 – East African Development and Human Rights  
INTS 4987 – Forced Labor & Human Trafficking  
INTS 4364 – Global Poverty & Human Rights  
INTS 4379 – Gender and Development  
INTS 4650 – Globalization and Economic Crime  
INTS 4734 – Homeland Security, Civil Society and Human Rights  
INTS 4875 – Human Rights & Foreign Policy  
INTS 4941 – Human Rights & International Organizations  
INTS 4937 – Human Rights & the Refugee System  
INTS 4935 – International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict (IHL/LOAC)  
INTS 4929 – International Migration Law & Policy  
INTS 4931 – International Organizations  
INTS 4210 – Multinational Corporations  
INTS 4624 – Private Actors in Conflict  
INTS 4930 – Rule of Law  
INTS 4710 – Topics: Human Rights and the Middle East  
INTS 4911 – Torture

#### STURM

L 4701 – Community Expectations in Sustainable Development of Natural Resources  
L 4137 – Comparative Environmental Law  
L 4135 – Comparative Law  
~~L 4168 – Constitutional Litigation Seminar~~

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L 4133 – Corporate Social Responsibility  
 L 4702 – Emerging International Standards for Sustainable Development of Natural Resources  
 L 4300 – Federal Indian Law  
 L 4701 – Forced Migration and Human Trafficking  
 L 4260 – Gender and the Law  
 L 4295/L4298 – Immigration Law  
 L 4706 – International and Comparative Law Research  
 L 4303 – International Criminal Law Practicum  
 L 4706 – International Criminal Procedure  
 L 4317 – International Environmental Law  
 L 4288 – International and Human Rights: Indigenous People  
 L 4700 – International Human Rights in the United Nations Practicum  
 L 4309/L 4707 – International Law and the Use of Force  
 L 4703 – International Organizations  
 L 4707 – Islamic Law & Human Rights  
 L 4700 – Law and Corruption Seminar  
 L 4446 – Multiculturalism, Race and the Law  
 L 4701 – Multinational Corporations, Corporate Social Responsibility and International Law  
 L 4543 – Sexual Orientation and the Law  
 L 4539 – Social Change Lawyering

### **Practicum/Internship or Externship (required)**

Students must complete at least one practicum, internship, or externship as part of the program. You must get pre-approval from the Directors for the practicum, internship, or externship to count towards the Certificate. If you will receive course credit for an approved practicum, internship, or externship, those credits can also count towards the credits required for the Certificate. Students who do not receive course credit for an internship or externship must also complete a written report of their experience of at least 15 pages. The requirement of a practicum, internship, or externship can be satisfied in one the following ways:

- Practicum;
- Externship for credit completed through the Sturm Externship Program (for law students) (Please note this also requires you to apply separately to the Sturm Externship Program) or for credit through an ABA approved summer abroad program; or
- Non-credit Internship (for example, through the Korbelt Office of Career and Professional Development).

### **Writing Requirement (required)**

Students must complete a writing requirement as part of the program. This requirement is satisfied by a course in the Certificate Program that requires a research paper of at least 20 pages or more, or by a research paper written outside of a course under the supervision of one of the Directors.

--Claude d'Estrée, Director, International Human Rights Degree Program, Josef Korbel School of International Studies

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--Celia Taylor, Professor of Law, Sturm College of Law

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