



Clinique des Droits de l'Homme
Human Rights Clinic
Strasbourg

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THE PRACTICAL TRAINING IN
HUMAN RIGHTS

2014-2015

PRESENTATION

In 2013, in Strasbourg, an International Human Rights law clinic was set up by the Law Faculty of Strasbourg and the International Institute of Human Rights (IIHR).

Legal clinics: What are they?

A law clinic is a legal academic training combining both theory and practice using actual cases. To this end, students receive academic training while “practicing” the law and being supervised by professors and practitioners.

Legal clinics: History

Law clinics were developed in American universities in the 1960s and now constitute high-profile modules in American legal trainings. Furthermore, they most commonly vary according to specific themes corresponding to various law areas (tax law, criminal law, constitutional law, family law, etc.).

About twenty human rights clinics now exist in the United States and the vast majority of them are a great showcase of the most prestigious law schools.

The "Human Rights Clinic of Strasbourg"

In accordance with its humanist tradition and long-lasting commitment, the International Institute of Human Rights (IIHR) intends to develop, in partnership with the University of Strasbourg, a clinic of international human rights law.

The Clinic is a **2-year university training designed for advanced students**. The **first year (semestres 1 and 2)** is dedicated to theoretical teaching and applied research. During the **second year (semestres 3 and 4)**, students will be practicing law by contributing to legal cases presented before Human Rights Protection bodies such as the European Court of Human Rights or UN Treaty bodies.

PROGRAMME

The clinical program stretches over 4 semesters. The clinical modules are supervised by teachers and practitioners (lawyers, judges, international practitioners).

SEMESTRES 1 & 2

All human rights courses taught at the University of Strasbourg:

- International criminal law - 32 h (1st-year master's degree)
- Human rights - 32 h (1st-year master's degree)
- European human rights law - 10 h (2nd-year master's degree in public international law)

Clinical seminars at the IIHR - 10 h:

- Preparation of the case and choice of forum
- Admissibility procedure
- Factual elements and evidence
- Legal argumentation
- Victims' counsel and management
- Drafting of the application

The annual study session on human rights by the IIHR

SEMESTRES 3 & 4

Clinical seminars at the IIHR - 40 h:

- Teamwork on cases
- Drafting of reports with practical and pedagogical supervision
- Assessment of students' work on the basis of reports

APPLICATION REQUIERMENTS AND ADMISSIONS

Admission Requirements

Applicants should possess a bachelor's degree in law and must attend either a master's degree program or prepare for a PhD in law. They should also possess a good command of French (speaking, understanding and writing skills). Besides, they should already have a substantial academic education in international human rights law.

Application

Applications must be sent by e-mail to Ms. Céline Lobleau (celine.lobleau@unistra.fr) before 1 June 2013.

Applications must include:

- A complete resume;
- A cover letter;
- A record of all academic results;
- Possibly, internship certificates.

Selection

The selection will be made upon academic criteria but will also take into account other professional skills of the applicants. Interviews will be held during the first two weeks of July.

The program will start on 1st September 2014.

Program supervisor

Niki Aloupi, Professor at the University of Strasbourg

