

Blanquerna Human Rights Course

at the

United Nations in Geneva

2017-2018



August 6-10, 2018

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From August 6-10, 2018 UN Human Rights treaty and charter bodies will meet in session at the (United Nations Offices in Geneva (UNOG). The **Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)** will review the State reports submitted by **Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, China-Hong Kong, China - Macau, Cuba, Japan, Latvia, Mauritius and Mozambique**. In the **UN Human Rights Council's Advisory Committee**, independent experts will draft reports on thematic studies, such as implementation of international human rights instruments in cities.

The Blanquerna FCRI United Nations Human Rights Course aims at giving students the opportunity to become effective observers of and participants in the session meetings of these human rights mechanisms and witness cooperation projects related to State's reviews and thematic studies.

Meetings with staff of the **Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Permanent Mission to UNOG, International Organizations, NGO, think tanks and substate actors** will be scheduled. Visits are currently being planned and some (Permanent Mission of Colombia to the UN, UNHCR staff and UNICEF) have already been confirmed.

Target Audience:

- Students and Alumni of Blanquerna International Relations Degree
- Participants: Minimum 10; Maximum: 15

Course Professors:

- Farid Benavides, Joshua Cooper, Onno Seroo

Course Fee:

- With 10 students enrolled, the fee is 1100 Euro p.p.
- With 15 students enrolled, the fee is 800 Euros p.p

The fee **DOES** include : Professors' classes, Accreditation and Entry to United Nations, Course certificate, 1 ECTS optional credit at FCRI (upon submission of a final mission report).

The fee **DOES NOT** include: student travel to/from Geneva, food, student insurance, student transport, student housing (Admitted students will be sent a list with affordable housing possibilities).

The Blanquerna Human Rights Course at the United Nations in Geneva is a not-for-profit initiative.

Application Procedure:

Send the **Enrollment Form** before April 15 by email to Farid Benavides (faridsamirbv@blanquerna.url.edu), Onno Seroo (onnoseroo@blanquerna.url.edu) with copy to our GRIN intern Silvia Caraballo: becariarriiblanquerna@gmail.com .

Enrollment Form

<p>Name and Surname:</p> <p>Course in FCRI International Relations Degree (2017-2018)/Alumni:</p> <p>Student Cell phone:</p> <p>Student Email:</p> <p>Passport number:</p> <p>Cell phone contact number (in emergency cases):</p> <p>Enrolled in First UN Human Rights Course 2016-2017: yes/no</p>
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Participants will be admitted on the basis of the “**first come, first serve**” principle. A waiting list will be created. **Students who enrolled for the 2016-2017 UN Human Rights Course, which was cancelled, have priority for the 2017-2018 UN Human Rights Course.**

The students admitted to the UN Human Rights Course will be notified as soon as possible, **before May 1, 2018** and will be given the corresponding administrative indications.

The information session will take place on **Wednesday April 4, 2018 from 14h to 15h in Room 102**

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Annex: Tentative Course Programme¹

Sunday August 6	Arrivals. Meeting for joint supper
Monday August 7	<p><u>Morning</u> 8 am Meeting at Geneva central station Office of the High Commissioner- Accreditation and briefing Introductory briefing Attendance UN Human Rights Advisory Council Lunch meeting. Meeting with OHCHR Staff Attendance UN Human Rights Advisory Council</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Attendance UN Human Rights Advisory Council Meeting with participating NGO</p> <p><u>Evening:</u> Wrap up. Supper</p>
Tuesday August 8	<p><u>Morning</u> 8. 30 Meeting at Office of the High Commissioner- briefing Attendance UN Human Rights Advisory Council Lunch meeting. Meeting with Permanent Delegation of Member States: Colombia Permanent Mission to the UN and WTO.</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> UN Human Rights Advisory Council Attendance UN Human Rights Advisory Council Meeting with participating NGO</p> <p><u>Evening:</u> Wrap up. Supper</p>
Wednesday August 9	<p><u>Morning</u> 8. 00 Meeting at Central Station -transfer to Palais des Nations - Introductory Briefing Attendance UN CERD COMMITTEE. Lunch Meeting with Permanent Delegation of Member States: Spain?</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Attendance UN CERD COMMITTEE. Meeting with participating NGO</p> <p><u>Evening:</u> Wrap up. Visit to NGO/IO/</p>
Thursday August 10	<p><u>Morning</u> 8. 30 Palais des Nations - Introductory Briefing Attendance UN CERD COMMITTEE. Lunch Meeting with Delegation</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Attendance UN CERD COMMITTEE. Meeting with participating NGO</p> <p><u>Evening:</u> Wrap up. Visit Permanent Mission / IO in Geneva</p>
Friday August 11	<p><u>Morning</u> 8. 00 Meeting at Geneva Central Station- Briefing Visit ILO /UNICEF; Visit UNOG Lunch at UNOG Afternoon: Wrap up. Departure</p>
Saturday August 12	Departure

¹ **Disclaimer:** This is only a tentative template to give students an idea of appointments and activities planned. However no **claims** can be derived from this tentative programme, which can be changed in accordance with the disponibility of interlocutors.