

# International Rights of the Child

## Masters course @ UCT Law

### The Course

The UCT Law's LLM course on *International Rights of the Child* offers an opportunity to critically engage with the development, content and implementation of international and regional human rights laws on children with a focus on the African region, and with transferable knowledge for other contexts. The convenors bring child rights advocacy experience, skills and knowledge to the course, and provide opportunities for students to engage with children's rights advocates and practitioners.

### The Focus

The course is focused on contemporary issues and strategies for raising children's rights standards at the national, regional and international level.

### The Students

*International Rights of the Child* is geared toward those with an interest in international law generally and children's rights in particular.

### The LLM Programme

This is an elective course that students can select as part of a number of different LLM programmes, including the Human Rights, International Law, and Constitutional & Administrative Law programmes. There are many fantastic courses within these programmes which would enhance and provide a new dimension to the content and skills developed in this course. For more details, look at the 2021 Faculty Handbook (p. 114).

### The Experts

The course convenors have well-established expertise in children's rights. Salona Lutchman completed an LLM in International Legal Studies at New York University and her current doctorate research is in children's rights. Nurina Ally is the former Executive Director of the Equal Education Law Centre with expertise in child rights lawyering and education law. Both have published in the field of children's rights.

### The Course Value

Course graduates will be well-placed to develop and further research projects focused on children's rights issues; further build their international law knowledge and expertise; and utilise in practice the specialist children's rights knowledge acquired through the course.



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Potential areas of practice that the course may be relevant to: public interest litigation; international and regional treaty bodies; national human rights institutions; international and local non-profit organisations; university research institutes/academia.

### **Related child rights resources at UCT**

The UCT Law Library provides for this area of interest. Publications from the research institutes in the Law Faculty (including the Centre for Law and Society, Centre of Criminology, Land and Accountability Research Centre, Democratic Governance and Rights Unit, Institute for Marine and Environmental Law, and the Refugee Rights Unit) provide useful contextual analysis on the plight of children in various settings. In addition, UCT hosts the Children's Institute, an influential research institute conducting important field work on children's rights. *The Child Gauge* is an annual Children's Institute publication which highlights the status of children in South Africa.

### **Information on course application and registration for 2022**

This course is offered through UCT's School for Advanced Legal Studies

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