

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University prepares graduates to function effectively in a variety of professional settings, including corporations, banking institutions, government agencies, media firms, nonprofits, and international organizations. The School offers two graduate degrees, the **Master of International Affairs (MIA)** and the **Master of Public Administration (MPA)**. Both degrees combine rigorous study in economics, statistics, political science, policy analysis, and management with a strong emphasis on practical training. Many classes make use of the case study method and are taught by practitioners from business, media, government, the United Nations, and nonprofit organizations. Classroom experience is reinforced by summer and semester-long internships.

### Human Rights

The Human Rights (HR) concentration at SIPA offers a range of interdisciplinary approaches to human rights. At a time when human rights issues are at the forefront of international relations, the program trains students for different professions, notably international human rights advocacy, monitoring and reporting, policy and empirical analysis, NGO development, and the protection of refugees and displaced persons.

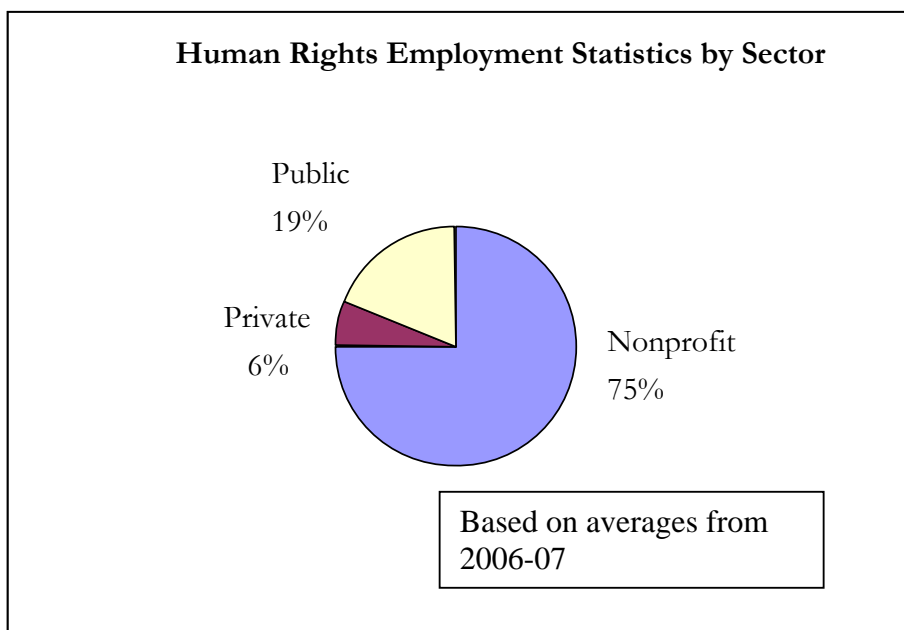
### Skills

SIPA attracts a highly motivated and diverse group of students with broad international perspectives from all over the world. Working with outstanding faculty, students drive cutting-edge initiatives in international human rights issues. SIPA offers:

- ◆ strong emphasis on real-world applications and practical training in the classroom.
- ◆ participation in summer and semester-long internships.
- ◆ students from 101 different countries; most are bi-lingual, and many are multi-lingual.
- ◆ multi-cultural interaction, teamwork, and collaboration within an international context.
- ◆ strong quantitative, critical thinking, writing, management, and advocacy skills.

### Employment Statistics

SIPA students find employment in the nonprofit, private and public sectors.



## MIA Core Curriculum

All students in the MIA program are required to take courses in the following areas:

- Conceptual Foundations of International Politics
- Interstate Relations
- Regionally Focused Courses
- International Policy and Management
- International Economics
- Statistics

## MPA Core Curriculum

All Students in the MPA program are required to take courses in the following areas:

- Public Management
- Microeconomic and Policy Analysis
- Quantitative Techniques
- Politics of Policymaking
- Financial Analysis
- Workshop in Public Affairs

## HR Core Curriculum

In addition, students pursuing the HR concentration are required to take the following courses:

- International Law
- International Human Rights *or* Human Rights (Law)
- One of the following five courses is also required:  
Peacemaking/Peacekeeping; International Organizations and World Politics; Human Rights Skills and Advocacy; Law of Global Government and Regulation; International Institutions, Laws, Norms

The following sample areas of focus demonstrate how students can tailor the program to align their courses with specific career and educational interests.

## Specialized Fields and Project Areas

- Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
- Health and Human Rights
- Gender and Human Rights
- Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Humanitarian Affairs
- Business, Labor, and Human Rights
- International Conflict Resolution
- Refugee Rights
- Rights-Based Development
- United Nations Studies
- Corporate Social Responsibility

**The following organizations have hired Human Rights concentrators as interns and full-time employees:**

- American Friends Service Committee
- Eurasia Group
- Human Rights First
- International Center for Transitional Justice
- International Network on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- International Rescue Committee
- Mercy Corps
- Middle East Children's Alliance
- Public Interest Law Initiative
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- United Nations Population Fund
- Witeck-Combs Communications
- Witness