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## International human rights law relevant to sexual and reproductive rights in Africa 802 (HRA 802)

**Qualification** Postgraduate

**Faculty** Faculty of Law

**Module credits** 15.00

**Programmes** [LLM Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa \(Coursework\)](#)  
[MPhil Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa \(Coursework\)](#)

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 30 contact hours per semester

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Academic organisation** Centre for Human Rights

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

### Module content

The focus of this module is on the principles and processes of international human rights law at the global and regional level, and their relevance to issues of reproductive and sexual health and to the situation of sexual minorities, with specific reference to Africa.

Topics include:

- History, philosophy and ideology of human rights, with particular reference to Africa
- Basic concepts of international and national human rights law
- The global (UN) system of human rights protection: norms, institutions, procedures, and their relevance to reproductive and sexual rights
- The African (African Union) system of human rights protection: norms, institutions, procedures, and their relevance to reproductive and sexual rights (placed in comparative perspective, with reference to European and inter-American systems)
- The actual and potential role of regional economic communities regional level) in Africa in the protection of human rights in Africa, with specific reference to reproductive and sexual rights
- An overview of human rights protection at the domestic level, with specific reference to selected African states
- Understanding the role of international human rights mechanisms in the protection of sexual minorities.

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