

## **Response of Estonia: Evaluation of the second phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education**

### **Human rights teaching in higher education**

According to the Constitution of the Republic of Estonia, everyone, incl. students, has the right to freely disseminate ideas. According to the § 42 of the Universities Act, students have the right to elect their representatives and to be elected to the collegial decision-making bodies of the university. § 43 of the same law regulates the rights and responsibilities of student bodies and student councils, incl. the right of the students to self-government - to decide on and manage independently, pursuant to law and legislation issued on the basis thereof, issues of student life based on the interests, needs, rights and obligations of students.

Content of the curricula in higher education is up to the higher education institutions and there is no centralized collecting of statistics. It is possible to get information about the courses from the teachers' register of the Estonian Education Information System (EHIS). However, since entering the data into the database is voluntary, the following list below may not be complete:

### **Course names that contain the phrase "human rights", 2014/2015**

<b>Course name</b>	<b>Educational institution</b>
International Human Rights	Tallinn University
Human Rights	Tallinn University of Technology
International and European Human Rights protection systems	Tallinn University of Technology
International Law and Human Rights in Russia	University of Tartu
Introduction to Human Rights	University of Tartu
Human Rights	Tallinn University of Technology
Special course on International Human Rights Law	Tallinn University
European Human Rights Court	Tallinn University
Human Rights	University of Tartu
Human Rights in the context of Youth Work	Tallinn University
Human Rights from comparative perspective	University of Tartu
International protection of Human Rights	University of Tartu
International and European Human Rights protection systems	Tallinn University of Technology
Human Rights	Tallinn University of Technology
Human Rights and Children's Rights	University of Tartu

Source: EHIS, 2015