

**Dear European Humanities University,**

My name is Ms. Palina Kozarava and I'm very excited and enthusiastic about applying for the Master's programme "International Law and Security Studies".

I have been working at the Human Rights Centre "[Viasna](#)" for four years, where I have been collecting and analysing information on torture and ill-treatment that happened in Belarus after 2020. My professional experience includes work with survivors of torture, and also it's includes training with various specialists in international criminal law, including prosecutors. When I saw this Master's programme at the European Humanities University, which would allow me to further my knowledge in this field, actively engage in research and practice theoretical knowledge – I immediately decided to apply.

Since 2015 I have been closely following the activities of the European Humanities University. In 2016, I attended essay-writing courses in Minsk, as well as preparatory courses for the English language exam from your university. The experience gained from these classes left an indelible mark: eight years later, I still remember the individual approach of the teachers and their endeavor to maintain and inspire my thirst for knowledge.

I am sincerely impressed by the path the university has taken, its destiny and the possibilities it provides in the face of challenging global contexts. An academic culture, an active social component and an academic freedom that I was not previously familiar with are the qualities that make the European Humanities University distinctive.

The research opportunities and the wide range of innovative teaching approaches attract me and I am ready to contribute to the creation of projects, research and the integration of Belarus into the European political and academic community. Making a statement about Belarus, its people and defending its interests in the international arena are my priorities, and I fully share the approaches that the university adheres to. Despite the technological complexity of today's world, the evolution of civil society is inseparable from the human sciences. High-quality research, dialogue and constant development are only possible only because of people. The European Humanities University provides all the opportunities to make this a reality.

After researching the curriculum of the "International Law and Security Studies" programme, I am looking forward to the start of the academic year. My experience in the human rights field has strengthened my desire to fight for justice and protect the rights of those who need it. In order to do this at a higher level, I need a deep understanding of international criminal law, its models and methodologies. I am passionate about law, the courts and international high-profile cases, and I want to dedicate my life to this field.

I would be extremely excited to study at the European Humanities University on the Master's programme in "International Law and Security Studies".

Sincerely,

Palina Kozarava.