



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-355	Course Title International Human Rights Law	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites Two from LAW-202, LAW-212, LAW-242 and LAW-252/6	Department Law	Semester Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr. Antonios St. Stylianou	Year of Study 3 rd
Mode of Delivery Conventional	Work Placement N/A.	Corequisites N/A.

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Introduce students to the development of human rights law by providing an analysis of its historical evolution.
- Provide an examination of human rights law through its philosophical and legal context.
- Analyse the international human rights law regime.
- Analyse the regional human rights law regime.
- Analyse, in particular, the human rights law regime under the Council of Europe and the European Union.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Discuss the significance of human rights.
2. Illustrate an understanding of contemporary human rights issues.

3. Explain the legal background to the modern human rights movement.
4. Demonstrate an appreciation of the rights protected in the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights.
5. Demonstrate an appreciation of the rights protected in the International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
6. Evaluate the difference between rights and duties.
7. Assess the United Nations Human Rights System.
8. Demonstrate critical awareness in the analysis of the legal order.
9. Demonstrate an understanding of the European human rights system (Council of Europe and European Union).

Course Content:

1. Mapping Human Rights – Introduction to Human Rights Issues and Discourse.
2. Up to Nuremberg: Background to the Human Rights Movement.
3. First-generation rights: Civil and Political Rights
4. Second and third generation human rights: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
5. National Security, Terrorism and Limitations on Human Rights: Contemporary Issues
6. Rights or Duties as Organizing Concepts.
7. The need for international institutions and their challenge to notions of sovereignty.
8. The United Nations Human Rights System.
9. Council of Europe and the European Convention on Human Rights.
10. European Union and the Charter on Fundamental Rights
11. Reform and Evaluation.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, seminars and tutorials, written examinations, case studies and assignments

Assessment Methods:

- Classroom participation
- Mid-term exam
- Final exam

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
International Human Rights In Context: Law, Politics and Morals 3 rd edition	Henry J. Steiner, Philip Alston and Ryan Goodman	Oxford University Press	2008	9780199279425
International Human Rights Law: Cases, Materials, Commentary	Olivier De Schutter	Cambridge University Press	2014	9781107063754
The European Convention on Human Rights	Jacobs, White and Ovey	Oxford University Press	2017	9780198767749
Lecture Notes				

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

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The European Convention on Human Rights	Jacobs, White and Ovey	Oxford University Press	2017	9780198767749
European Human Rights	Mark W. Janis, Richard S. Kay,	Oxford University	2008	9780199277469

Law: Text and Materials	Anthony Wilfred Bradley	Press		
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