



Course Code MIREL-604	Course Title European Human Rights Law	ECTS Credits 10
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall / Spring	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Elective	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Dr. Craig Webster
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

This course will survey the topic of human rights and look into how human rights law is conceptualized and practiced in Europe. Students will learn about the history and development of human rights in general, the development of the legal instruments for the protection of human rights in Europe, and current debates/issues of human rights in Europe. The course intends to introduce students to the history and development of human rights law in Europe and to look into what future challenges and developments the field of human rights in Europe may face.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Illustrate a comprehension of the historical development of international law prior to World War II and appreciate the contribution of legal theorists to the subject.
2. Demonstrate an appreciation of the effects of international law upon the practices of states globally, but in the European Union in particular.
3. Evaluate the methods by which states become obliged to follow global and European standards of human rights practice.
4. Assess how the evolution of international law has influenced the evolution of human rights law in Europe.
5. Evaluate the impact various sources of human rights law on the practice of states in Europe.
6. Demonstrate a comprehension of the possible consequences of a breach of an international legal obligation for a State.
7. Assess the impact of various monitoring and remedial instruments and their effectiveness in terms of ensuring that human rights standards are upheld in Europe.
8. Evaluate the internationalization of human rights law in Europe up to the present day.

Course Content:

During the course, the student will cover the following:

1. Introduction to human rights and human rights law
2. History and theory of human rights and human rights law
3. The Strasbourg System
4. The obligation to respect human rights
5. The right to life and prohibition of torture
6. Slavery, liberty, and security
7. Right to a fair trial
8. No punishment without law
9. Right to family/private life
10. Freedom of conscience, religion, and expression
11. Freedom of association
12. Prohibition on discrimination
13. Derogation in emergency

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures

Assessment Methods:

One written assignment and final exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Mowbray, A.	Cases and Materials on the European Convention on Human Rights, 3 rd ed.	OUP	2012

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Greer, S.	The European Convention on Human Rights: Achievements, Problems and Prospects	Cambridge University Press	2006
Letsas, G.	A Theory of Interpretation of the European Convention on Human Rights 2nd edition	OUP	2009
Malcolm N. Shaw	International Law (sixth edition)	Cambridge	2008
Malcolm D. Evans (ed.)	International Law (second edition)	Oxford	2006
Martin Dixon	Textbook on International Law (sixth edition)	Blackstone's	2007
Rebecca M.M. Wallace	International Law (fifth edition)	Sweet & Maxwell	2005
Rosalyn Higgins	Problems & Process: International Law and How We Use It	Clarendon	1993
Antonio Cassese	International Law (second edition)	Oxford	2001