

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-355 Human Rights Law I

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-355	Human Rights Law I	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Sophomore standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Evolution of Contemporary Human Rights; International Law Concepts and Background to Human Rights; Evolution of Universal Human Rights, Civil and Political Rights; Evolution of Universal Human Rights: Economic and Social Rights; What Are Rights and Are They The Same Everywhere; Notions of Rights, Universalism, and Cultural Relativism; Conflicting Traditions and Rights, Illustrations

Instructor

Dr Tim Potier

Course Aims and Objectives

This initial semester will seek to place the development of human rights law, internationally, within its philosophical context. The early attempts by the League of Nations to codify a limited, albeit, set of standards pertaining to human rights with the unleashing of an entire jurisprudence under the United Nations system will be examined. However, human rights is not exclusive to the UN, nor does it rely, necessarily on a 'Eurocentric' state/condition. Therefore, the impact of human rights regionally, will also be emphasized.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, discussions, presentations, and problem-solving activities.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (30 hours of lectures, 12 hours of seminars/tutorials and student-led presentation/seminars). The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14 weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Assigned work: 25%
Interim tests: 25%

Final Exam: 50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

H. Steiner & P. Alston, *International Human Rights in Context*, 2nd ed., Oxford University Press, 2000

Recommended Reading

P. Alston, *Human Rights Law*, Dartmouth, 1996

J. & M. Spencer, *Human Rights Law*, Sweet & Maxwell, 2002