



COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

COURSE NUMBER: LAW 557:B1 **COURSE NAME:** INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

PREREQUISITE COURSES: NONE
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CREDITS: 3 **HOURS PER TERM:** 3 **TERM:** 2nd **MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:** 25

PROFESSORS: LINDA C. REIF

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: LECTURE X SEMINAR X OTHER

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

The **primary** method of evaluation in this course is a RESEARCH PAPER worth 70% of the Grade.

The remainder of the grade in the course will be made up of: research paper outline worth 10% of the grade, student seminar presentation (20 minutes) worth 15% of the grade, class participation worth 5% of the grade.

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This course is designed to survey existing and evolving international human rights law found in both treaty and customary international law. Canadian international human rights law obligations and issues will be highlighted. The major component of the course will be composed of lectures, a selection of video presentations and class discussion throughout. The remainder of the course will be devoted to student seminar presentations of their research papers on particular aspects of international human rights law. The lecture topics will cover:

- 1) Introduction to international law and international human rights law;
- 2) UN system: civil and political rights;
- 3) UN system: economic, social and cultural rights;
- 4) UN system: women's rights, rights of the child;
- 5) European human rights system;
- 6) Inter-American human rights system;
- 7) Other regional perspectives on human rights;
- 8) Domestic implementation of international human rights: constitutions, courts, national human rights institutions;
- 9) transitional justice issues: truth commissions, prosecutions, etc.;
- 10) human rights and post-conflict peace-building;
- 11) international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

Information on research paper writing techniques and on conducting international law research will also be provided, to enable students to enhance their legal research and writing skills through the research paper method of evaluation. The seminars are designed to enhance public presentations skills.

***SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

EVENING CLASS:

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE:

OTHER:

REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY): T.B.A.