

International Human Rights

Requirements and Grading Policies

Class participation and an exam are the requirements for the class. Class participation accounts for half the grade and has two components: participation in class discussion generally and being specially prepared for one or two classes. Assignments of the latter are made at least a week before. Students interested in a particular topic can sign up with me at any time.

Syllabus

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Fall 2009

Tuesdays, Thursdays 1:30 - 2:50pm
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TEXT: International Human Rights Law, 4th ed and supp. (selected Human Rights Instruments & Bibliography)

Please note: this textbook is in the process of being rewritten and I may substitute an entire chapter. I will make these available on line or by hard copy.

- Aug. 25 Preface pp. xxix-xxxvi; Ch. 1, Introduction pp. 1-45, Qs from 1st assignment.
- Aug. 27 Preface pp. xxix-xxxvi; Ch. 1, Introduction pp. 1-45.
- Sept. 1 Drafting Int'l Human Rights Standards Ch. 2, pp. 49-92.
- Sept. 3 Drafting Int'l Human Rights Standards Ch. 2, pp. 49-92, and drafting exercise.
- Sept. 8. Ratification & Implementation of Treaties: The Covenant on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights, Ch. 3, pp. 95-166 (optional 166-170 on globalization).
- Sept. 10 Ratification & Implementation of Treaties: The Covenant on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights, Ch. 3, pp. 95-166, Qs pp. 96-97 (role play).
- Sept. 15 State Reporting Under International Human Rights Treaties, Ch. 4, pp. 171-250.
- Sept. 17 State Reporting Under International Human Rights Treaties, Ch. 4, pp. 171-250, Qs pp. 173-174 (role play).

- Sept. 22 Women's Human Rights - Individual Complaint Procedures under International Human Rights Treaty, Chapter 5, pp. 251-318.
- Sept. 24 Women's Human Rights - Individual Complaint Procedures under International Human Rights Treaty, Chapter 5, pp. 265-328. Qs pp. 253-255 (role play).
- Sept. 29 U.N. Charter-Based Mechanisms for Addressing Violations of Human Rights, Ch. 6, pp. 319-386.
- Oct. 1 U.N. Charter-Based Mechanisms for Addressing Violations of Human Rights, Ch. 6, pp. 319-386, Qs pp. 321-324.
- Oct. 6 Humanitarian Intervention, Ch. 7, pp. 387-974, Qs 388-390.
- Oct. 8 Humanitarian Intervention, Ch. 7, pp. 387-374, Qs 388-390.
- Oct. 13 Can Human Rights Violators be Held Accountable? Ch. 8, pp. 475-585, Qs pp 476-481.
- Oct. 15 Can Human Rights Violators be Held Accountable? Ch. 8, pp. 475-585, Qs pp. 476-481 (role play p. 481).
- Oct. 20 The Inter-American System and the Interpretation and Application of Human Rights Instruments, pp. 729-784.
- Oct. 22 The Inter-American System and the Interpretation and Application of Human Rights Instruments, pp. 729-784, Qs 730-731.
- Oct. 27 The European Human Rights System, Ch. 12, pp. 787-858.
- Oct. 29 The European Human Rights System, Ch. 12, pp. 787-858, Qs pp. 789-792 (role play).
- Nov. 3 U.S. Adjudicative Remedies for Violations Under the A.T.S., Ch. 14, pp. 933-1000. (Taught by Kathy Roberts of C.J.A.)
- Nov. 5 U.S. Adjudicative Remedies for Violations Occurring Outside the U.S., Ch. 14, pp. 933-1000. (Taught by Kathy Roberts.)
- Nov. 10 U.S. Adjudicative Remedies for Violations Occurring Outside the U.S., Ch. 14, pp. 1000-1031, Qs 934-940.
- Nov. 12 Domestic Remedies for Human Rights Violations Within the United States, Ch. 13, pp. 861-931.

- Nov. 17 Domestic Remedies for Human Rights Violations Within the United States, Ch. 13, pp. 861-931 (top), Qs pp. 870-871.
- Nov. 19 Fact-finding, Ch. 9, pp. 587-665, Qs pp. 605-610.
- Nov. 24 Fact-finding, Ch. 9, pp. 603-690, Qs pp. 588-593.
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1 Review and evaluations

