

730-897 International Human Rights Law

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 - 26 contact hours per subject. Total Time Commitment: The time commitment for this subject depends on the candidate's background and experience.
Prerequisites:	N.A.
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	John Tobin, A/Prof Dianne Otto
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Have a sound understanding of the history and philosophy of international human rights # Be able to understand and assess claims as to the contested universality of international human rights # Have a detailed knowledge of the international legal and institutional frameworks for the protection of human rights # Be able to assess the effectiveness of different mechanisms for implementing or enforcing human rights, such as judicial implementation, international criminal courts, and truth and reconciliation commissions # Understand the central role played by NGOs in the international system # Develop the capacity to examine current issues by reference to international human rights standards # Be able to understand the challenges posed to the implementation of international human rights in the context of globalisation # Have developed skills of critical thinking, legal research and academic writing to understand and assess the significance and limitations of the international human rights system. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Human rights and the challenges posed by state sovereignty and national security # The contested universality of human rights # The international institutional framework for the protection of human rights with a special focus on the Human Rights Council and treaty monitoring system # The interpretation and application of selected rights from the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights # Domestic measures for the implementation of human rights, such as judicial implementation of economic social and cultural rights NGOs and their role in the protection of human rights # The contribution of International Criminal Courts and Truth and Reconciliation Commissions to the protection of human rights # Current issues, such as refugees, non-discrimination and gender mainstreaming # Human rights and the challenges posed by economic globalisation.

Assessment:	Examination 3 hours (100%) (25 July, pm) or Research paper 10,000 words (100%) (11 September) (topic approved by the subject coordinator)
Prescribed Texts:	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Please visit the subject homepage on the Melbourne Law Masters website by following the link at the bottom of this subject entry.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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Generic Skills:	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
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