

LAWS70264 International Human Rights Law

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: February, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Prerequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Corequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Non Allowed Subjects:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Core Participation Requirements:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
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Subject Overview:	Principal topics will include: <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.
Objectives:	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <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 nongovernment organisations (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.

Assessment:	Take-home examination (100%) (16-19 April) or 10,000 word research paper (100%) (20 May) on a topic approved by the subject coordinator
Prescribed Texts:	Visit the subject website for more information
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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