

COURSE OUTLINE		
<b>TERM: Fall 2018</b>	<b>COURSE NO: LAW 462</b>	
<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE: International Human Rights Law</b>	
<b>OFFICE: LOCAL:</b> <b>E-MAIL: @capilanou.ca</b>	<b>SECTION NO(S):</b>	<b>CREDITS: 3</b>
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>		
<b>COURSE WEBSITE:</b>		

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### **COURSE PREREQUISITES**

LAW 100, LAW 110 and LAW 210, OR 45 credits of 100-level or higher coursework.

### **COURSE FORMAT**

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

### **CALENDAR DESCRIPTION**

This course will introduce the principles and institutions of international human rights law and the legal instruments designed for their protection. The extent to which international law is an effective vehicle for the protection of human rights will be considered, as well as questions about cultural relativism and the universality of human rights. The course will explore the nature of civil and political rights, social and economic rights, and the rights of women, Indigenous peoples, children and persons with disabilities. In addition, the role of non-governmental organizations and international courts and tribunals will be examined.

### **COURSE NOTE**

LAW 462 is an approved Self and Society course for Cap Core requirements.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES**

Mark Freeman and Gibran Van Ert, *International Human Rights Law*, (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2004)

Some additional cases and texts may be posted on Moodle site.

### **COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:**

1. Have a basic understanding of the historical and theoretical foundations for international human rights, as well as sources of international human rights law;
2. Have a basic understanding of international human rights frameworks, conventions and complaint mechanisms, including the United Nations framework, and regional and domestic frameworks;

3. Understand the limitations of international human rights frameworks, including concerns about state responsibility and non-state actors
4. Understand the challenges of cultural relativism and human rights issues relevant to women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and children; and
5. Have considered the efficacy of different judicial methods for addressing mass violations of human rights, including international human rights courts, tribunals and truth and reconciliation commissions.

**Students who complete this Self & Society course will be able to do the following:**

1. Identify potential root causes of local/global problems and how they affect local/global cultures, economies, politics, and policies;
2. Assess and evaluate individual and collective responsibilities within a diverse and interconnected global society;
3. Synthesize a range of differing community perspectives on ethics and justice and explain how these perspectives can inform structural change;
4. Explain how contexts (e.g. cultural, historical, colonial, economic, technological) shape identity formation and social structures.

**COURSE CONTENT**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Weeks 1 and 2	<b>Introduction to International Human Rights Law: Subjects and Sources</b>
Weeks 3 and 4	<b>Instruments of International Human Rights Law</b>
Weeks 5 and 6	<b>Canadian Reception</b>
Week 7	<b>MIDTERM EXAMINATION</b>
Weeks 8 and 9	<b>Specific Human Rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil and political rights</li> <li>• Economic, social and cultural rights</li> <li>• Family and children's rights</li> </ul>
Weeks 10 and 11	<b>Promotion and Protection of Human Rights</b>
Week 12	<b>GROUP PRESENTATIONS/ASSIGNMENT</b>

Week 13	<b>Non-Governmental Organizations Contemporary Trends</b>
Weeks 14 and 15	<b>FINAL EXAMINATION</b>

### EVALUATION PROFILE

Midterm examination	30%
Group Presentation Assignment	15%
Individual Research Assignment	25%
Final Examination	<u>30%</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	100%

### GRADING PROFILE

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

### Incomplete Grades

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

### Late Assignments

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date listed. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, please consult with your instructor beforehand.

### Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs/etc.

Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed activities may not be able to be accommodated. Please consult with your instructor.

### Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities.

### English Usage

Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

**Electronic Devices**

Students may use electronic devices during class for note-taking only.

**On-line Communication**

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or Moodle; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

**UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS****Tools for Success**

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <http://www.capilanou.ca/services/>

**Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)**

**Policy Statement (S2009-06)**

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

**Academic Integrity (S2017-05)**

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy S1999-01 for more information: <http://www.capilanou.ca/about/governance/policies/Policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

**Academic dishonesty** is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

**Cheating:** Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

**Fraud:** Creation or use of falsified documents.

**Misuse or misrepresentation of sources:** Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

**Plagiarism:** Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

**Self-Plagiarism:** Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

**Prohibited Conduct:** The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

### **Sexual Violence and Misconduct**

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including [B.401 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy](#) and [B.401.1 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Procedure](#).

**Emergencies:** Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.