

LAW 7217: International Human Rights

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Understand the development of Human Rights through history
- Know the difference conventions and treaties established to protect Human Rights
- Understand the bodies established to protect Human Rights, their powers and their relationships.
- Know the different courts established to enforce Human Rights, how they were established and how they function
- Understand the enforcement and protection of Human Rights in US courts, including the courts in Guantanamo
- Know the role that NGO's play in protecting Human Rights
- Prepare an Amicus Curiae Brief supporting a side before and International Court.

This course examines the origins of the idea of human rights from the historical and philosophical perspective. It then moves to an examination of national and international laws, conventions and treaties established to protect human rights. From there we will examine the main bodies established to protect human rights. From there we will examine the main bodies established to protect Human Rights, the Security Council and Human Rights Council. This will lead to an examination of the development of the courts that enforce Human Rights from Nuremberg to Tokyo to the ICJ, The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda Tribunal, the Special Court for Sierra Leone Tribunal and Special Tribunal for Lebanon, concluding with an in-depth examination of the ICC. We will also examine the enforcement of Human Rights in domestic US Courts. This will include an examination of the prosecution of war criminals in the US Courts. This course will also examine the rights of the non-state actor and cases coming out of Guantanamo. Finally, this course will examine the role of NGO's such as Human Rights Watch in the protection of Human Rights. NO Exam

Credits: 2.0