

Subject	HUMAN RIGHTS			
	Type (M)	Semester IV	ECTS 4	Code
Course Lecturer Course Assistant Course Tutor				
Aims and Objectives	<p>This course aims to provide a study of, theory and practice of human rights. The idea is to provide students with an informed and critical perspective on international institutions and instruments that articulate human rights as well as the domestic or state legal mechanisms used to enforce the human rights. This course provides an introduction to the question of human rights. Throughout the semester, we will examine the conceptual history as well as the practice of human rights through interdisciplinary texts.</p> <p>The goal of this course is, first, to understand that the evolution of the concept of human rights and its institutionalization was a complex and political process and that what we today understand as human rights is also a political construction. A second goal is to be able to discern different theoretical understandings of human rights and to critically assess contemporary human rights discourses.</p>			
Learning Outcomes	<p>At the end of the course students would be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the need and process of development of discourse and human rights • Communicate the key ethical, legal and social issues in the current global human rights system, both sources and institutions and key legal instruments in force • Identify key elements of laws, regulations, regional systems for human rights, especially the European system of protection and promotion of human rights; • Demonstrate greater consensus and awareness on emerging issues related to the use of human rights protection procedures at the United Nations and the regional level. 			
Course Content	Course Plan			Week
	Presentation of the curriculum / Notification with the subject material / Introduction to the subject of the course			1
	International human rights law: the normative framework			2
	United Nations System of Human Rights: Instruments and Institutions			3
	Regional Systems for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights: The European System			4
	Human Rights in Practice			5
	Human rights in the legal order of Kosovo			6
	Course Summary: Reflection, Review,			7
	The procedure for individual complaints			8
	Civil and political rights			9
Economic, cultural and social rights			10	

	Group rights: self-determination, minorities and indigenous peoples	11		
	Women's Rights as Human Rights	12		
	Human Rights in a Time of Change: Challenges and Perspectives	13		
	Course Summary: Reflection, Review,	14		
	Final exam	15		
Teaching/Learning Methods	Teaching/Learning Activity	Weight (%)		
	1. Lectures	30%		
	2. Seminars	30%		
	3. Self-Study	40%		
Assessment Methods	Assessment Activity	Number	Week	Weight (%)
	- Final exam	1	13	40%
	- Research Paper (with the presentation)	1	9/10/11/12	40%
	- Reflection Paper	1	5/6/7/8	20%
	Reflection Paper – students are required to read one book chapter and reflect on the main propositions and arguments in a 600- 800 words reflection paper			
Course resources	Resources	Number		
	- Classroom	1		
	- Projector	1		
	- Moodle	1		
	- Library online access			
ECTS Workload	Activity	Weekly hrs		Total
	- Lectures	2		30
	- Seminars	1		15
	- Self-study	--		45
	- Final Exam	2		10
Literature/References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IliasBantekas, Lutz Oette, International Human Rights Law and Practice, 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press, 2016 • Gentian Zyberi. Qerim Qerimi: The International Human Rights Fair, 2015 • Zejnullah Gruda: International Protection of Human Rights, 2010 • Henry J. Steiner & Philip Alston, International Human Rights in context: Law, Politics, Morals (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2000). 			