

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2024-25 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)¹

COURSE	LAW 343 Human Rights (cross listed with PHIL 436/500)
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTORS	Cindy Holder
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2025
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITE	None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to key concepts and theories in international human rights. The readings focus on ethical and theoretical issues raised by the international human rights law and practices. The assignments and course material are designed to give students a basic understanding of international human rights concepts, legal regimes and institutions, and to enable them to apply the concepts and theoretical frameworks studied to contemporary events and cases. Readings in the final three weeks will focus on concepts and issues related to the human rights of children.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course will:

- introduce students to key concepts and issues in theoretical treatments of human rights
- give students a basic understanding of the international legal regimes governing human rights violations
- enable students to identify central theoretical and ethical issues raised by international human rights law and its enforcement
- improve students' ability to critically engage with academic literature
- improve students' writing skills
- improve students' abilities to relate theoretical arguments to practical examples

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This course is taught in a seminar format and will include undergraduate students studying philosophy as well as graduate students from a variety of disciplines. Students will be expected to do the readings in advance and to come to class ready to ask questions and contribute to discussion.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

1 page response to readings (x5)	7.5%
Due by 10 am on Friday of the week in which the readings responded to are assigned	
7-9 page paper	35%
Must be based around one of the readings from the first half of the course	
Annotated Bibliography on topic of 12-15 page paper	12.5%
Minimum 4 sources	
12-15 page research paper	45%
Topic open-ended but must relate to international human rights. Must incorporate a case study chosen by the student. May draw on material from 7-9 page paper but does not have to.	

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¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, the Law front office (law.studentservices@uvic.ca)