

Course Description

PLA2890 | Human Rights Law & Procedure | 3.00 credits

This course will address theoretical and practical questions the evolution and development of the laws addressing international human rights issues. Emphasis will be placed on the core issues, debates, struggles, failures, and successes of legal claims. Students must earn a grade of “C” or better to pass this course. Prerequisites: ENC1101 and PLA2120C

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the historical background of human rights by:

1. Identifying the significant tenets of the development of human rights
2. Analyzing the classification of rights and duties
3. Examining the changing dimension of human rights, including societal movements, the impact of global climate change, and environmental refugees
4. Analyzing human rights within the current historical framework and globally

Learning Outcomes:

- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the UN and major international treaties by:

1. Analyzing the UN Declaration of Human Rights
2. Evaluating the Convention on All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
3. Examining the Convention on the Rights of the Child
4. Analyze the UN Development Sustainable Development Goals
5. Identifying the role of UN agencies that monitor compliance, such as the UN High Commission for Human Rights

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures including global and historical perspectives

Competency 3: The student demonstrates an understanding of human rights issues within public and private domains by:

1. Examining the core problems, including local and global human rights. Evaluating poverty and lack of educational opportunities
2. Discussing the impact of human rights violations on women in all forms, including sexual violence, health, and labor
3. Identifying different cultural practices that hurt a person
4. Analyzing, evaluating, and understanding the causes of migration patterns and the displacement of refugees

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Competency 4: The student will understand the practical role of paralegals, attorneys, and other members of the legal communities in addressing human rights issues by:

1. Examining the role of the International Criminal Court of Justice, the OAS, and other international tribunals and international enforcement entities
2. Evaluating the role of community global paralegals locally and globally to address access to justice and human rights issues
3. Analyzing the role of attorneys and members of the legal community with regard to access to justice within the international sphere
4. Identifying the procedures utilized to research, evaluate, and adjudicate human rights violations globally by state actors and NGOs

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