

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2023-24 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION SUMMARY¹

COURSE	LAW 373 International Human Rights and Dispute Resolution
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Pooja Parmar
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2024
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES	None

BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course offers an introduction to International Human Rights Law through a critical engagement with the promise and limits of human rights law in achieving justice in local and global contexts. Our inquiries will be guided by two fundamental questions: What are human rights? What do human rights do? The course begins with an examination of the concept, history and critiques of human rights, followed by an introduction to sources of international human rights law, and a review of key international legal instruments and institutions designed for the protection of human rights. The course offers an opportunity to closely examine selected contemporary IHRL issues.

This course does not presume a prior knowledge of international law or international human rights law.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Class time will consist of lectures, class discussions, exercises, student presentations and other activities designed to achieve the course objectives. Readings will introduce and explore related issues and set the tone for discussions. Students are expected to work with others in small groups and contribute to an inclusive and respectful classroom environment.

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Class attendance and participation

Written assignments, including a research paper.

A student must complete each of the evaluative segments in order to pass the course.

There is no final examination.

There will be an opportunity for a limited number of students to fulfill their *major paper requirement* in this course.

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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, Law Student Services (law.studentservices@uvic.ca)