

Concentration in Human Rights Law

This memorandum lists both the general concentration requirements established by the Policy as well as the more specific requirements applicable to the Human Rights Law Concentration. The document also contains a roster of core faculty for this Concentration.

General Concentration Requirements

1. Each student seeking to satisfy the Law School Concentration in Human Rights Law will meet with the Faculty Chair each Fall to review courses and plans. Students in the graduating class of 2006 should meet with the Faculty Chair within a month after this Concentration is approved.
2. Law students must complete at least 12 credits from approved “required” or “recommended” Concentration courses. Students must receive a grade for each Concentration course and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.0 in the Concentration courses taken. Courses taken outside the Law School must comply with both the policy on credits taken outside the Law School and the requirements stated herein.
3. Students must take at least one course, seminar, or independent study that requires a significant writing and research component of at least 25 total pages in length. Students are also encouraged to pursue an internship, clinical course, or other practical/field experience in the field of human rights.
4. Students must notify the Concentration Faculty Chair of their intent to fulfill the Concentration requirements before submission of the Graduation Assessment Form.
5. Students who have successfully completed the Concentration will receive a special certificate upon graduation and may, at the time of completing the Graduation Assessment Form, request that a notation of Concentration fulfillment appear on their transcript records. In order to receive a special certificate at the time of graduation, a student must identify the intention to satisfy the requirements of the Concentration on the Graduation Assessment Form supplied to third-year law students by the Registrar’s Office. The student must notify the Concentration Faculty Chair by March of the student’s graduation year of all courses taken, grades received, other activities undertaken, and expected fulfillment of Concentration requirements. The Faculty Chair will, in a timely fashion, send a memo to the Registrar confirming that the student has fulfilled the requirements of the Concentration.

Specific Requirements of the Concentration in Human Rights Law

6. Required Courses: Students must take at least two of the following five courses.

- a. Law 6886—International Human Rights Law (3 credits)
- b. Law 6058—Human Rights Advocacy (3 credits)
- c. Law—International Humanitarian Law Seminar (2 credits)
- d. Pol 5485—Human Rights and Democracy in the World (3 credits)
- e. Pol 8660—Topics in International Relations: Theoretical Approaches to Human Rights (3 credits)

7. Recommended Law Courses

- a. American Indian Law (3 credits)
- b. Civil Rights (2 credits)
- c. Civil Rights Moot Court (3/2 credits)
- d. Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar (2 credits)
- e. Comparative Criminal Procedure (2/3 credits)
- f. Constitutional/Civil Rights Litigation Seminar (2 credits)
- g. Criminal Procedure (3 credits)
- h. Criminal Process (3 credits)
- i. Critical Feminist Theory Seminar (2 credits)
- j. Death Penalty Seminar (2 credits)
- k. Developing Nations Seminar (2 credits)
- l. European Human Rights Law (3 credits)
- m. European Union Law (3 credits)
- n. First Amendment (3 credits)
- o. Holocaust, Genocide, & the Law Seminar (2 credits)
- p. Immigration Law (3 credits)
- q. Immigration Law Clinic (4 credits)
- r. Independent Study (2/3 credits; on a human rights topic; may include satisfaction of significant writing requirement)
- s. International Criminal Prosecution Seminar (2 credits)
- t. International Development Law (3 credits)
- u. International and Foreign Legal Research Seminar (2 credits)
- v. International Intellectual Property (3 credits)
- w. International Law (3 credits)
- x. International Law and Use of Force Seminar (2 credits)
- y. International Law Moot Court and the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (on a human rights topic; 2/4/2 credits)
- z. Law and Violence (3 credits)
- aa. Law, Ethnicity & Economic Development Seminar (2 credits)
- bb. Law Review, Journal of Law & Inequality, or Journal of International Law (must meet significant writing and research requirement; depends on article topic relating to human rights)

- cc. National Security Law Seminar (2 credits)
- dd. Sexual Orientation and the Law Seminar (2 credits)
- ee. Torture, Violence, War on Terror & Law Seminar (2 credits)
- ff. Voting Rights Seminar (2 credits)
- gg. Women's International Human Rights Law (2/3 credits)

8. Eligible Graduate Level Courses (5000-8000) in Other University Departments
- a. AFEE 5361—World Development Problems (3 cr)
 - b. EDPA 5124—International Education
 - c. EPsy 5135—Human Relations Workshop (4 cr)
 - d. PA 5122—Women, Law & Public Policy (3 cr)
 - e. PA 5451—Immigrant Health Issues (3 cr)
 - f. PA 5490—Immigration and Public Policy (3 cr)
 - g. PA 5490—Child Labor (3 cr)
 - h. PA 5590—Law, Culture & Economic Justice (3 cr)
 - i. PA 5601—Women, Law & Public Policy (3 cr)
 - j. PA—International Labor Organization (3 cr)
 - k. PubH 6066 Building Communities, Increasing Health: Preparing For Community Health Work (2 cr)
 - l. PubH 6281 Immigrant Health Issues (3 cr)
 - m. WoSt 5103 Feminist Pedagogies (3 cr)
9. A student may petition the Curriculum Faculty Chair to include a course not listed here if the course will substantially further the student's understanding of this Concentration's subject matter.
10. Core law school faculty for this Concentration are listed below. Faculty may be added (*e.g.*, upon joining this University) or removed (*e.g.*, if the faculty member's teaching interests move away from the subject matter of this Concentration) at the discretion of the Curriculum Faculty Chair.

- a. Mary Louise Fellows
- b. Richard Frase
- c. Oren Gross
- d. Fred Morrison
- e. Fionnuala Ni Aolain
- f. Ruth Okediji
- g. Myron Orfield
- h. Mary Rumsey
- i. Chantal Thomas (visiting)
- j. Michael Tonry
- k. Carl Warren
- l. Kevin Washburn
- m. David Weissbrodt