

International Human Rights Seminar

Syllabus

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Books:

1. International Human Rights: Law and Policy, 4th Ed.2009, Weissbrodt et al
2. Selected Human Rights Instruments and Bibliography for Research on International Human Rights Law, 4th Ed 2009, Weissbrodt et al.

This seminar is comprised of several components:

1. An initial set of lectures, documents and readings on the fundamentals of International human rights law, after which there will be a small take home "mini exam" on the lectures and assigned readings. This comprises ten (10) percent of your grade.
2. Each week on a schedule that will be distributed, the class will do a set of real world simulation problems (to be handed out) that is keyed to the pages in the book:

Problem 1, pp. 49-93

Problem 2, pp. 95-170

Problem 3 pp. 171-250

Problem 4, pp. 320-386

Problem 5, pp. 387-474

Problem 6, 475-526

Problem 7, pp. 861-931

Problem 8, pp. 933-1031

Problem 9, pp. 729-785

Each simulation problem will be led by 2 students chosen by a random drawing in week three. The conduct of the simulation class by you comprises twenty five (25) percent of your grade.

3. For each simulation problem, the remainder of the class that is not leading the problem will assume roles described in each problem and will be expected to fully participate during class.

This is essential for the seminar “to work” successfully.

Your class participation in all simulation problems will comprise fifteen (15) percent of your grade.

4. Your paper which follows the schedule and components set out below comprises fifty (50) percent of your grade.

Attendance will be taken by distribution of a sign-in Roll, which will be definitive evidence of attendance. Upon missing the fifth class **hour**, a student will be referred to the dean's office for excessive absences. At that point, the matter of attendance becomes one between the student and the Dean's office.

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Schedule for Papers
Spring 2014

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| 1. January 28, 2015 | Topic Selection |
| 2. February 4, 2015 | Topic Paragraph |
| 3. February 11, 2015 | Basic Bibliography |
| 4. February 18, 2015 | Paper Outline |

- The outline must be written in complete sentences (subject-verb-object).
- The outline must follow this format:

- I.
 - A.
 - 1.
 - a.
 - (i).

- In your outline, if there is a "I", there must be a "II". If there is an "A", there must be a "B". If there is a "1", there must be a "2", and so on.

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| 5. March 4, 2015 | Revised Outline |
| 6. April 8, 2015 | Draft of Paper |
| 7. May 1, 2015 | Final Paper Due |

Your paper must have an Introduction –“I”. Your introduction should be no more than 2 double-spaced pages and it should do three things:

-State the purpose of your paper (i.e. “The purpose of this paper is...”)

-Give the reader a reason to read. That is, in a paragraph tell the reader why your paper is important, why the reader should care about your paper.

-Tell the reader what is coming (roadmap). (i.e. “Specifically, this paper in Section II____, in Section III____, etc. This paper concludes in Section ____that ____.”)

Note: These dates are designed to help you complete your paper in an orderly step-by-step way. These dates are firm and you are expected to complete each step on time.