

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER
CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW
CERTIFICATE STUDENTS**

This *Curriculum Guide for International Human Rights Certificate Students* is designed to help students select offerings listed under “International Human Rights Certificate Courses” in the Course Schedule of Georgetown University Law Center. Designed primarily to assist candidates for the Certificate in International Human Rights, the *Guide* also may prove useful to other students in selecting courses in this area. The *Guide* complements but does not supersede course registration materials provided in print and on line.

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The *Guide* consists of three parts. Part I provides introductory information. Part II lists the courses that meet the certificate requirements. Part III suggests additional courses outside of the certificate that may prove useful.

Part I: Introductory Information

Academic Counseling

To schedule an appointment to discuss your schedule of courses, please contact Tina Drake Zimmerman, Director, LL.M. Academic Services, 202-662-9660 or draket@law.georgetown.edu

Course Prerequisites

Some Human Rights courses list one or more courses as prerequisites. If you have taken the listed course at Georgetown or an equivalent course at another school, then you have met the prerequisite and you do not have to request a waiver. If you have not taken the prerequisite course but believe you nonetheless possess the requisite knowledge, you will need to request a waiver from the professor. For courses as to which you need to request a waiver, if you are registering over the summer, you may tentatively select that course. However, you will eventually need to get the professor’s approval to waive the prerequisite. It may be possible to do this by email during the summer (you may contact a professor by going to the “Faculty and Administration” section of www.law.georgetown.edu). Alternatively, you may discuss the prerequisite issue with your academic counselor when you arrive, or with the faculty member during the first week of classes.

Requirements of the International Human Rights Certificate:

To obtain a Certificate in International Human Rights Law, students must successfully complete a basic course in ***International Law I (or its equivalent)***. Human Rights Certificate students who received their J.D. from a law school in the United States are required to have taken *International Law I* (or its equivalent) before matriculating in Georgetown's program or within their first year of the program. Similarly, students who received their basic law degree from a law school outside the United States ("international students" or "foreign educated students") are required to have taken a basic course in public international law before matriculating in Georgetown's program or within their first year of the program. **This course does not count towards the 12 specialization credits for the program. Students may substitute the course *International Agreements (Professor Dalton)* for the *International Law I* requirement.**

Students in the Human Rights Certificate program must successfully complete a **minimum of 12 academic credits from human rights specialization courses**. To find a list of these courses, see page 4 below. You may also find a list of these courses online by going to www.law.georgetown.edu. Click on "Academic Programs," click on "Curriculum Guide," and click on the "Schedules" tab. Select the appropriate semester (e.g., Fall 2011: Graduate Programs Schedule) and then select "LLM: International Human Rights Certificate" from the drop-down menu.)

As part of the required 12 specialization credits, students in the Human Rights Certificate program must also successfully complete the basic *International Human Rights* course. In the fall semester, this course is taught by Gilda Brancato, who is an Attorney Adviser (International) for the Office of the Legal Adviser in the Department of State. A student who has taken the substantial equivalent of this course during his or her J.D. program may request permission from Tina Drake Zimmerman (draket@law.georgetown.edu) to substitute an elective for this required course.

A cumulative minimum grade point average of "B-" must be attained in the courses that are counted toward the International Human Rights Law Certificate. Credits transferred from other institutions and/or graduate programs will not count towards the Certificate. In addition, certain courses or seminars included in the Certificate may be applied to the specialized credits required for the LL.M. in International Legal Studies. The Academic Bulletin sets forth all degree requirements (in addition to required courses).

Researching Your Course Selections

Students normally begin their course selection process with the online Course Schedule. When you see a course that you are interested in, note the meeting time, any prerequisites or recommended courses, and whether the course requires an exam or a paper. You should then review the description of the course, using the online curriculum guide (http://www.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/tab_courses.cfm). Next, you may wish to click on the name(s) of the faculty teaching the course to get an idea of their background. The Law Center's adjunct faculty are extremely accomplished and each brings a unique perspective to his or her subject. You may also wish to note if a particular faculty member has had work experience at an organization in which you are interested.

Finally, some students find it helpful when selecting courses to consult student evaluations of faculty and courses that have been offered in previous years. The evaluations are available online at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/evaluations/>. A university NetID is required to log in and view these evaluations, and NetIDs were mailed to admitted students during the summer. These numerical

evaluations rank faculty and courses on a number of criteria that take the form of statements like “The instructor taught the course well.” Responses can range from 5 (the most favorable evaluation) to 1 (the least favorable evaluation). The tabulations indicate the number and percentage of enrolled students who provided responses to each question and provide an average score for each course. Hard copies of these evaluations are also available for your review at the circulation desk of the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library or in the Graduate Programs Office.

Papers, Seminars, and Writing Requirements

International Human Rights Certificate students are not required to write any papers for the certificate program or the LL.M. degree. However, students are strongly encouraged to take at least one course – preferably, more than one – that will hone their legal writing skills. Clear and persuasive legal writing is the single most important ingredient for success in practice. Further, getting a paper published or winning a writing competition can be very helpful to your career. Courses that require a paper or registering for Graduate Independent Research are the two best vehicles to this end.

The Law Library has produced a helpful guide to researching Human Rights Law; it is available online at: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/guides/HumanRightsLaw.cfm>. You may find it helpful to refer to this guide when looking for a paper topic or for sources. There are also additional International Law guides on related subjects (e.g., Immigration and Human Rights, War Crimes, and the International Criminal Court) here: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/research/index.cfm>

All international students who did not participate in the Foundations of American Law program are required to complete the course, U.S. Legal Discourse I, unless this requirement has been waived, in writing, by an international student advisor from the Office of Graduate Programs. Waivers will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

Part II: Courses That Count Towards the Certificate

The following courses count towards the required number of credits for students pursuing a certificate in International Human Rights.

Fall Semester 2011	Spring Semester 2012
<p> <u>Comparative Jurisprudence</u> <u>Foreign Relations Law</u> <u>Global Revolutions, Social Change, and NGOs</u> <u>Graduate Independent Research</u> <u>Health and Human Rights</u> <u>Human Rights at the Intersection of Trade and Corporate Responsibility</u> <u>International and Comparative Law on Women's Human Rights</u> <u>International Courts and Tribunals: An Introduction</u> <u>International Human Rights Law</u> <u>International Migration and Development</u> <u>Intersection of National Security and Race in a Post-9/11 America</u> <u>Law of War Seminar</u> <u>National Security Law</u> <u>Property Law and Government Economic Policy: American Indians, the Balkans and the Americas</u> <u>Refugee Law and Policy</u> <u>Restorative Justice In International Human Rights: A New Paradigm</u> <u>Rule of Law and the Administration of Justice</u> <u>The UN Human Rights System Seminar</u> <u>War Crimes & Prosecutions</u> <u>War Crimes Terrorism & International Criminal Procedure</u> </p> <p> <i>J.D. COURSES IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS</i> <i>If space is available, these courses may be taken for Human Rights course credit, except as noted.</i> </p> <p> <u>Drafting a Migrants' Bill of Rights (Year-Long) Law, Conscience, and Nonviolence Seminar</u> </p>	<p> <u>Advanced Issues in International Human Rights Seminar</u> <u>AIDS Law & Ethics Seminar</u> <u>Comparative Bill of Rights Seminar</u> <u>Contemporary Peacekeeping: Legality, Legitimacy & Accountability</u> <u>Current Issues in National Security & Civil Liberties Seminar</u> <u>Graduate Independent Research</u> <u>Habeas Corpus and Guantanamo Seminar</u> <u>Human Rights Fact-Finding Seminar: Repatriation of Persons with Mental Disabilities (Year-Long)</u> <u>Immigration Law and Policy</u> <u>Immunity Under International Law</u> <u>International Criminal Law</u> <u>International Human Rights</u> <u>International Law at the Beginning of the 21st Century*</u> <u>International Women's Human Rights Seminar</u> <u>Law and Development</u> <u>Law of War Seminar</u> <u>Peoples and Minorities in International Law Seminar</u> <u>Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies: Advanced Research Seminar</u> <u>Research with Human Subjects: Law, Policy & Ethics</u> <u>War and Peace Seminar: New Thinking about the Causes of War and War Avoidance</u> </p> <p> <i>*To earn human rights specialization credits in International Law at the Beginning of the 21st Century, LL.M. students must write a paper focused on human rights issues and receive approval of the topic from Tina Drake Zimmerman, Director, LL.M. Academic Services.</i> </p> <p> <i>J.D. COURSES IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS</i> <i>If space is available, these courses may be taken for Human Rights course credit, except as noted.</i> </p> <p> <u>Drafting a Migrants' Bill of Rights (Year-Long)</u> </p> <p> <i>*In order to earn human rights specialization credits in International Law at the Beginning of the 21st Century, LL.M. students must write a paper focused on human rights issues and receive approval of the topic from the Director of LL.M. Academic Services.</i> </p>

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Further information on these courses can be gleaned from the course descriptions available online. Additional questions as to whether a particular course fits well in one’s course of study or other goals can be addressed to Tina Drake Zimmerman at draket@law.georgetown.edu.

Part III: Additional Courses of Interest

Many courses that do not count towards the certificate can be vital additions to your course of study. These courses may not focus exclusively on International Human Rights issues, but may nonetheless be interesting and important for students interested in human rights-related issues. Please visit the online curriculum guide for the course descriptions of any of the below courses which interest you.

Fall Semester 2011	Spring Semester 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Governance of Non-Profit Organizations</u> • <u>Law and Measures against International Terrorism</u> • <u>Managing National Security</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>International Law Seminar: Use of Force and Conflict Resolution</u> • <u>International Organizations and Global Health Lawmaking</u>