

### **STAGE 3**

<b>Module</b>	International Human Rights Law
<b>Course code</b>	LLBH-IHRL
<b>Credits</b>	5
<b>Allocation of marks</b>	30% Continuous Assessment 70% Final Examination
<b>Schedule</b>	Evening only

#### **Intended Module Learning Outcomes**

On successful completion of this module, learners will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the normative and historical origins of human rights law.
- Analyse the international and European human rights systems for the protection of human rights.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the human rights law applying to selected issues.
- Analyse human rights law in terms of its effectiveness, its impact and its legitimacy.
- Research, interpret and apply the various legal rules and principles of International Human Rights Law

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#### **Module Objectives**

- To enable the learner to examine the history, development, structure and efficacy of the international human rights law framework.
- To familiarise learners with the legal framework of the United Nations and of regional systems with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights.
- To enable learners to examine the legal provisions in action and to examine specific violations
- To develop within learners an understanding of the system of remedies which are available where rights are violated.

#### **Module Curriculum**

- Introduction and history of international human rights law.
- Cultural relativism and universalism.
- Protection of human rights within the UN System and regional systems.
- Civil and Political Rights:
  - Prohibition of Torture and (other) Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment
  - The Right to Life,
  - Freedom of Expression and Religious Freedom.

- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:
- Right to housing
- Discrimination.

### **Primary Reading:**

Alston, P. & Goodman, R. (2012) *International Human Rights*. Oxford: OUP

Dickson (1997) *Human Rights and the European Convention*. London: Sweet & Maxwell

Ghandhi, S. (2012) *Blackstone's International Human Rights Documents*. Oxford: OUP

Harris, O'Boyle & Warbrick (2009) *Law of the European Convention on Human Rights*  
Oxford: OUP

Steiner, Alston & Goodman (2008) *International Human Rights Law in Context: Law, Politics, Morals*. Oxford: OUP

Wallace (2001) *International Human Rights: Text and Materials*. London: Sweet & Maxwell

### **Secondary Reading:**

Cassese, A. (2013) *International Criminal Law*. Oxford: OUP

Harris, D. et al. (2010) *International Human Rights*. Oxford: OUP

Kilkelly U. (2009) *The ECHR and Irish Law*. Bristol: Jordan's

Mowbray, A. (2012) *Cases, Materials and Commentary on the European Convention on Human Rights*. Oxford: OUP

Rehman, J. (2002) *International Human Rights Law: A Practical Approach*. Harlow: Pearson Education

White, R. & Ovey, C. (2010) *The European Convention in Human Rights*. Oxford: OUP