

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  
2010-11 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION<sup>1</sup>**

<b>COURSE</b>	Law 373 International Human Rights & Dispute Resolution
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	1.5 Units (3 hours per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Catherine Morris
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Spring 2011
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See Schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES</b>	None

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course examines the extent to which international law serves as an effective vehicle for the protection of human rights. It explores the nature of civil and political rights and social and economic rights, the rights of women, of indigenous peoples and ethnic and cultural minorities, and of children. It examines a number of institutional issues, particularly the forms of dispute resolution and institutional mechanisms utilized to enforce human rights and covers the United Nations system and regional enforcement mechanisms (in Europe, the Americas and Africa). The relationship between international and domestic legal orders is examined. Broader themes of the course include the debate between universalism and cultural relativism, the interpretation of international human rights law and other international and domestic legal fields, the relevance of the public-private distinction, and modern and post-modern understandings of state sovereignty.

## **METHODOLOGY**

Seminar-style discussions and lectures, student participation and student presentations. Expert guests may also be invited.

## **EXPECTED EVALUATION**

Class attendance and preparation	20 %
First Assignment	5 %
Presentation on a Convention	10 %
Mid-term assignment	20 %
Final Writing Assignment	50 %

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