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Human Rights

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 23-04-2023

Department assigned to the subject: International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 4 Semester: 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Law Methodology and Culture International Public Law International Organizations Security, Peace and Conflicts Resolution

OBJECTIVES

- · Understanding of the main critical theories of Human Rights.
- · Taking conscience of the role of Human Rights in democratic societies.
- · Ability to detect the principal problems of guaranteeing Human Rights in different cultural contexts.
- · Ability to adopt a position regarding the concept of Human Rights and their function in the constitutional order.
- · Ability to solve legal problems from the perspective of Human Rights.
- · Essential knowledge about the issues of justice of law, the legitimacy of power and rights-based theories.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- I. Conceptual Approach
- II. Historical Approach
- III. Human Dignity
- IV. International Protection of the Human Rights
- V. Civil and Political Rights
- VI. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- VII. Self Determination
- VIII Democratization
- IX. Minorities
- X. Women
- XI. Persons with disabilities
- XII. Children
- XIII. Migrants
- XIV. Violence and Torture and Inhuman Treatment. Genocide and International Criminal Law

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- 1. Master Classes, where the subject is given with graphical support (slides). To facilitate learning the students have access to audiovisual materials and basic texts of reference to complete and deepen the topics explained in class. A different topic will be studied every week.
- 2. Practical classes, to smaller groups of students, where they can take a more active part in solving the proposed cases and texts commentaries and exchanging opinions. In these sessions, student's participation is graded. Student participation in class allows them a deeper understanding of the main issues of the course. Materials will be available on 'Aula Global'

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Ordinary call:

- a) Continuous evaluation
- 60% on practical sessions and lectures.

b) Final exam

40% test on the content of the course. More than 3 over 10 in the final exam is required for passing 60% for students who did not follow the continuous evaluation.

Extraordinary call:

- a) Students who followed the continuous evaluation. 60% continuous evaluation on practical sessions and lectures and 40% test on the content of the course. More than 3 over 10 in the final exam is required for passing.
- b) Students who did not follow the continuous evaluation, or in case of more favorable: 100% test on the content of the course.

% end-of-term-examination: 40 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 60

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- ISHAY, M.R., The History of Human Rights form Ancient Times to Globalization Era, University of California Press, 2004
- WALDRON, J. (ed), Theories of Rights, Oxford University Press, 1984