

Course Outline

Course number	RBA315					
Course title	International Human Rights Law					
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 CP)					
Total hours	80					
Contact hours	32					
Independent studies	48					
Course level	Bachelor					
Prerequisites	N/A					
Category	Mandatory	X	Restricted elective		Free elective	

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Anastasija Kaplane	LL.M.	Lecturer

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Anastasija Kaplane	LL.M.	Lecturer
Kate Kārklīņa	LL.M.	Visiting Lecturer

COURSE ABSTRACT

The course begins with the historical and philosophical foundations of international human rights law: we will discuss what are the purposes of human rights protection, why it has to be universal, and what are the different categories of rights/obligations. The course proceeds with an examination of the regional and international protection systems.

Further, the students will turn to the substantive rights and freedoms: the right to life, the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment, the right to liberty and security, the right to a fair trial, the right to private life, freedom of expression, etc.

At the end of the course, we will examine the economic and social rights, as well as the recent challenges in the area of human rights protection.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Group assignment	30%
Final exam	70%
Please note that active participation in all course lectures and seminars may increase the final grade by 1 point at the discretion of the course lecturers.	

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

To pass this course, students need to:

1. participate in at least 4 out of 5 course seminars;
2. submit a group assignment;
3. pass an exam.

Failure to satisfy p.1 and/or p.2 would result in non-admission to the exam.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	History, philosophy and core principles of human rights	8
2	Human rights protection systems	4
3	Civil and political rights	16
4	Economic, social and cultural rights	2
5	Current and emerging challenges in human rights	2