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Office Hours

Wednesdays

Wednesday, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Online

If you would like to meet for Office Hours, please email 1-2 days before to schedule.

Please use this Zoom link for Office Hours:

<https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/84557187546?pwd=QWgvNzdBaVBVMHZjdW9iNVRZbFNzZz09>

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Course Description and Requisites

This course is a lower division introduction to the history of human rights as a concept and body of international law, and to the complicated role of human rights in contemporary social justice campaigns. GE Area: D (formerly GE Area D3)

Letter Graded P

* Classroom Protocols

CONDUCT

Students are expected to behave in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. The university's Academic Integrity Policy requires that

you must

2-3 page single-spaced, 12-point font paper on a human rights movement of their choice. Your paper should contain the historical background and goal of the movement, the objectives and tactics of the movements, and a critic of the movement.

4) Final Project (30% of final grade)

Individually or in groups of up to 3, you will present on a current human rights issue (domestic or international) by completing a series of tasks, including (1) summarizing the issue (2) discussing past approaches/attempts to resolve the issue, (3) presenting ideas of policy changes to resolve the issues presented, (4) evaluate your policy goals and obstacles, and (5) generating discussion questions. If you choose to work as a group, each member of the group must participate equally in the presentation, and document their individual contributions. Individually or as a group, you will create a 5-10 minute presentation using a medium of your choice and upload it to Canvas. Your discussion of the material should be thoughtful and analytical, and invite participation by all students. For grading, you will receive both individual and group grades. Students will have to respond substantively to at least on presentation.

5) Final Exam (15% of final grade)

The final exam will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions and will cover all materials assigned.

The grading scale is:

A+ 100 - 97 A 96 - 93 A- 92 - 90

B+ 89 - 87 B 86 - 83 B- 82 - 80

C+ 79 - 77 C 76 - 73

Not acceptable in JS: C- 72 - 70

D+ 69 - 67 D 66 - 63 D- 62 - 60

F 59 and below

Week 4: Feminist Approaches to Human Rights - 2/15

- Reading Response
 - Goodhart Chapter 4: Feminist Approaches to Human Rights
- Canvas Material
 - Discussion Board Response

Week 5: Genocide and Human Rights - 2/22

- Reading Response
 - Goodhart Chapter 8: Genocide and Human Rights
- Canvas Material
 - Discussion Board Response

Week 6: Transitional Justice - 3/1

- Reading Response
 - Goodhart Chapter 10: Transitional Justice
- Canvas Material
 - Discussion Board Response

Week 7: Political Democracy and State Repression - 3/8

- Reading Response
 - Goodhart Chapter 12: Political Democracy and State Repression
- Canvas Material
 - Discussion Board Response

Week 8: Forced Migration and Refugees - 3/15

- Reading Response
 - Goodhart Chapter 13: Forced Migration and Refugees
- Canvas Material
 - Discussion Board Response
- Final Project Proposal

Week 9: Human Rights and the Environment - 3/22

- Reading Response
 - Goodhart Chapter 14: Human Rights and the Environment
- Canvas Material
 - Discussion Board Response
- Midterm Paper

Week 10: No Assignments This Week (SAGE

