

**COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT**

<b>Academic School/Department:</b>	CASS
<b>Programme:</b>	
<b>FHEQ Level:</b>	5
<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>Human Rights</b>
<b>Course Code:</b>	INR 5805
<b>Course Leader:</b>	Rosanna Graziani (Rome)
<b>Student Engagement Hours:</b>	120
Lectures:	45
Seminar / Tutorials:	
Independent / Guided Learning:	75
<b>Semester:</b>	Fall/Spring/Summer
<b>Credits:</b>	12 UK CATS credits 6 ECTS credits 3 US credits

**Course Description:**

ITALIAN STUDY CENTRES ONLY. This course will cover the evolution of global human rights and of the various national, regional and international mechanisms designed for their protection. It will examine the theoretical foundations of the idea of human rights in various civilizations and cultures, evaluate its legacy within western and non-western traditions, and its meaning and relevance in addressing major issues in the contemporary world. The approach draws primarily on the theories and methodology of Sociology, International Law, and International Relations. The course looks at current internationally recognized human rights treaties and conventions, with particular emphasis on the human rights framework of the United Nations and on the role and significance of the Human Rights Council. Regional and non-governmental attempts to enforce standards of human rights are also examined.

**Prerequisites:**

### **Aims and Objectives:**

The course aims to:

- make students familiar with the main theoretical literature on human rights, and to discuss how human rights issues intersect with political interests .
- provide students with the opportunity to explore the diversity in human rights theory and practice.
- explore contemporary debates about the meaning of human rights and the strategies currently being deployed by government and non-government agencies to deal with different types of cases.

### **Programme Outcomes:**

This is a stand alone course not associated with a degree programme.

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification.

This is located at the archive maintained by the Academic Registry and found at: <http://www.richmond.ac.uk/content/academic-schools/academic-registry/program-and-course-specifications.aspx>

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the concepts and processes of global human rights.
- Demonstrate an ability to explain and contextualize the development of global human rights
- Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the current politics of human rights and the changing realities in a global world.
- Demonstrate an ability to apply theoretical approaches to various case studies and analyse them

### **Indicative Content:**

- The concept and history of Human Rights.
- Identity, Ethnicity, Race, and Nation.
- Human Rights in world politics
- The United Nations
- The protection of Human Rights: monitoring, influencing, enforcing
- Diversity, Human Rights, and Cross-Cultural Negotiation
- Humanitarian Interventions

