This 6UOC course will be taught at Columbia Law School in New York from **Monday 6 July – Wednesday 15 July, 2015**.

The New York Course will be offered to all eligible Undergraduate law students, Juris Doctor students, and eligible Postgraduate Masters students.

This course will be taught intensively over 10 days by law lecturers from UNSW Law and leading American human rights lawyers.

The course is scheduled as a UNSW Semester 2 (T2A) course.

**Course Description**

This intensive course examines the operation of human rights law in practice in international and domestic U.S. and Australian contexts. Based in New York, the course draws together leading U.S. and international human rights lawyers to provide cutting-edge case studies from the U.S. and international forums. It also provides students with doctrinal foundations in international human rights law and its incorporation into domestic law, as well as an introduction to the U.S. Bill of Rights and civil rights law. The course will be taught through a comparative U.S./Australian lens, and includes case studies on current human rights issues relevant to both countries. It encourages students to critically reflect on the efficacy of key institutions, actors and strategies to promote and protect human rights at home and abroad. Subject to availability, the program will include field visits to the United Nations and other New York museum or landmarks.

**Main topics**

- Introduction to international human rights law, institutions and enforcement mechanisms (including UN field visit)
- The U.S. Bill of Rights and civil rights law
- Incorporation of international human rights law in domestic legal systems – Australian and U.S. perspectives
- Human rights advocacy and accountability – the role of civil society, national human rights institutions, and other national and international actors
• Contemporary case studies that will vary and may include a focus on migration; national security; social and economic rights; and women’s rights

Objectives
• Applied understanding of basic principles and sources of international human rights law and its international, regional and domestic enforcement frameworks
• Basic familiarity with U.S. civil rights law, compared with the Australian context
• Ability to critically analyse the efficacy of key institutions, actors and strategies to address contemporary human rights challenges in Australia and abroad
• Appreciation of the structural, practical and ethical challenges of contemporary human rights legal practice

Text and course materials
Adam McBeth, Justine Nolan and Simon Rice, *The International Law of Human Rights* (2011). Supplementary required class materials and readings will be available on Moodle prior to the commencement of the course.

Support for students in New York
Students will be accompanied in New York by UNSW Law School’s Justine Nolan. A student liaison and support person will be available to students throughout the course period to address any administrative issues or other problems. Students will be given the student liaison’s contact information prior to departure. Students will also be provided with a guide to New York City and Columbia, along with a list of cultural activities and events during the course period. The course will take place during summer in New York. July in New York can get humid and there may be some very hot days (30 degrees+) during the course.

Attendance Requirements
100% attendance at classes and field trips is compulsory. Students will not be permitted to sit assessment for the program unless attendance has been satisfactory.

Class Preparation Requirements
Students are required to complete the reading for (at a minimum) the first 3 days of classes before arriving in New York. The reading guide will be available at least two weeks in advance of the start of the course. **There is a significant quantity of reading for this course** and students are expected to complete all assigned reading in advance of each class and will be assigned to particular classes as ‘experts’. Please do not enroll in the course if you are not prepared to put a significant amount of preparation time into reading the course materials before lectures.

Assessment
**Due: 4pm 4th September 2015**
Please submit your research essay both via Moodle and a hard copy at Level 2 Law Student Services Counter with the usual assignment coversheet by 4pm on the due date.

Essay questions will be distributed on commencement of the course. Alternatively, students may negotiate a topic related to the course content with their course teacher. The course will be assessed on a graded basis by class participation (20%), short answer question (10%) and a research paper (70%) with requirements as follows:
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**Note for Final Year Students**

If you are using this course to complete your degree requirements, please note that you will be completing your degree by the **end of Semester 2**.

**Cost**

Australian students enrolled as Commonwealth Supported students in the undergraduate law program will be charged the **Student Contribution Charge** for the course. Full Fee Paying Australian and International students will be charged **Tuition fees** for the course.

In addition, there will be an **additional charge of AUD$2150** which covers the cost of accommodation and all program field trips as well as administration costs.

*IMPORTANT: AUD$2150 does NOT include airfares, departure taxes, meals (except for welcome lunch), medical and travel insurance, and telephone and other communication charges. Please read the Cost information very carefully and contact law@unsw.edu.au if you need clarification.*

**Application, Enrolment and Payment Procedure**

**Eligibility**

UNSW students enrolled in the following programs are eligible to apply:

- Dual Law / Graduate Law (LLB)*
- Juris Doctor (9150)*
- Master of Laws (9200)
- Master of Human Rights Law & Policy (9211)

In assessing applications, priority will be given to students in their final year who have not previously completed an Overseas Elective Program, followed by final year students who have previously completed an Overseas Elective Program, and then the remainder of students applying. Selection within these categories will be by ballot with quotas for UG, JD and PG students.

*To enroll in this course, Dual Law / Graduate Law (LLB) and Juris Doctor (JD) students will need to have completed at least 60UOC of Law courses.*
Application form (plus transcript)

Open: 10am Monday 16 March 2015
Due: 4pm Friday 20 March 2015

The online application form and information sheets will be available on the Law website. Applications will be accepted in this period only, and late applications will not be considered. Applications will be selected on a ballot basis with a select number of places reserved for UG, JD and PG students and not be considered on first come first served basis. Preference will be given to final year students. Students who have been accepted and eligible to enroll will be notified via UNSW student zMail account by the 27th of March.

Deposit Payment

Due: 4pm Friday 10 April 2015
Details on the payment process will be provided to successful applicants. To secure enrolment, a deposit of at least AUD$300 must be paid by the above date. This AUD$300 amount is not refundable.

Note: Eligible students will be able to enrol in a normal full time load (24UOC) or overload (30UOC) PLUS 6UOC New York Summer School for S2 2015.

Final Payment

Due: 4pm Friday 24 April 2015
The same procedure applies for the payment of the balance. In order to secure your place in the course, the full cost must be paid before the above date.

Refunds/ withdrawal

There will be no refunding of deposits made for the course. Refunds of final payments are available if you withdraw prior to the commencement of the course due to special circumstances and your place is filled by another student. In order to obtain a refund you must provide us with full details of the circumstances, including medical receipts (where appropriate) and the original receipt.
Note: Refund or withdrawal from the course after 29 May 2015 will NOT be allowed.

Enrolment

Manual enrolments will be processed in mid-June to allow time for students to finalize their enrolment in Semester 2.

Travel

Students are required to make their own travel arrangements for arrival in New York no later than 5th July, 2015. Students will be provided before departure with details of transportation options from the airports to Columbia Housing closer to the commencement of the course but students are responsible for their own transportation arrangements. The course commences on Monday 6th July and will conclude by lunchtime on Wednesday 15th July.

You should obtain travel and health insurance as soon as your flight bookings have been arranged.

Visas

Students should apply for a regular tourist visa (NOT a student visa). Australian citizens can travel to the USA for tourist purposes under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) provided they hold a passport valid for 6 months past the expected stay, use an approved airline and stay less than 90 days. Instead of a visa they obtain approval to travel through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). Please refer to the official United States visa information website on U.S. visas information for foreign citizens to travel to the U.S. at: http://www.travel.state.gov
Health Insurance
Students are required to read the UNSW Law Important Information for Students Travelling Overseas website. All students must also register with UNSW Travel Registration.

Accommodation
The $AUD2150 charges include accommodation and administrative costs only. Students will be free to organize their own meals.

Columbia Student Housing
Web: http://housingservices.columbia.edu/

The $AUD2150 charge covers accommodation for 11 nights (check in Sunday 5 July and check out morning of 16 July). Accommodation details can vary from year to year dependent on a variety of local factors. For management and safety reasons, students are required to stay in the designated accommodation for the duration of the program. In special circumstances and with special permission, you are allowed to stay elsewhere, but there will be no refund of accommodation costs.

You may nominate a student with whom you wish to share a room once you have been accepted into the course.

Telephone and other communications charges remain the responsibility of individual students and will not be paid by UNSW. Since you are sharing the room with another student, please be sure that you have a clear understanding with each other about the use of the telephone and the allocation of expenses between you.

Administrative Communication
All administrative correspondence in preparation for the course will be via your official UNSW student email address. Please ensure that you check your student zMail regularly for updates and important information.

Pre-departure meeting
Successful applicants are required to attend a pre-departure meeting. The meeting will take place on Wednesday the 29th of April at 3pm at the Law School (room tba).

*NOTE: This course requires at least 20 enrolments for it to proceed.

Further inquiries

Please direct general inquiries to: Inquiries related to course content:

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