This 6UOC course will be taught at Columbia Law School in New York from Monday 7 July – Wednesday 16 July, 2014.

New York Summer School 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.

Although this program is called a Summer School, it is scheduled as a UNSW Semester 2 (T2A) course.

Course Description

This intensive summer school 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
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 5 September 2014
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:
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$2000 which covers the cost of accommodation and all program field trips as well as administration costs.

IMPORTANT: AUD$2000 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.

Scholarships available!
Commonwealth-funded scholarships to the value of $2000 each are available to eligible students. More information can be found on the Scholarship website.

Application, Enrolment and Payment Procedure

Eligibility
UNSW students enrolled in the following programs are eligible to apply:
- Dual Law / Graduate Law (LLB)*
- Juris Doctor (JD)*
- Master of Laws (9200)
- Master of Human Rights Law & Policy (9211)
- Graduate Diploma of Law (5740)

Non-UNSW law students from an Australian university who are seeking to obtain credit as a cross-institutional student can also apply.

In assessing applications, priority will be given to students in their final year and final selection 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)

Application forms and information sheets will be available on the Law website. The application form, together with academic transcript should be completed and returned to Law Student Counter, Level 2 Law Building by the above due date. 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 early April.

Deposit Payment
Payment forms will be sent to eligible students via student Zmail and also be available at Student Services Counter for students to collect. To secure enrolment, a deposit of at least AUD$300 must be paid by the above date.

Payments are made at the University Cashier at Treasury office. The cashier will accept cash, cheques (made out to "UNSW") or credit cards (except for Diners and American Express). After making the payment you should return to the Level 2 Student Centre, Faculty of Law with your deposit receipt for your enrolment to be registered.

Note: Eligible students will be able to enrol in a normal full time load (24-27uoc) or overload (30uoc) PLUS 6uoc New York Summer School for S2 2014.

Final Payment
The same procedure applies for the payment of the balance: namely, obtain a payment form, pay the cashier and return to the Level 2 Student Counter with your receipt for recording. In order to secure your place in the course, the full cost must be paid by the above date.

Refunds/ withdrawal
Refunds of final payments are available if you withdraw prior to the commencement of the course due to special circumstances. 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 30 May 2014 will NOT be allowed.

Travel
Students are required to make their own travel arrangements for arrival in New York no later than 6th July, 2014. 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 7th July and will conclude by lunchtime on Wednesday 16th 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

Accommodation
The $AUD2000 charges include accommodation and administrative costs only. Students will be free to organize their own meals.

Assigned Accommodation Details
Columbia Student Housing
Web: http://housingservices.columbia.edu/

The $AUD2000 charge covers twin-share accommodations for 11 nights (check in Sunday 6 July and check out morning of 17 July). 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 pre-departure meeting. Time will be advised to closer to departure.

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

Further inquiries

Please direct general inquiries to:

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