

Beirut Arab University
Faculty of Law and Political Science

Course Description
Spring 2015-2016

Course Information:

Title: **Human Rights**

Code: **BLAW 001**

Credit Hours: **1 credit**

Lecture: **1 hour**

Sect. 2	Wednesday: 16:00 – 17:00	Classroom H813	Me Maya Mansour
Sect. 3	Monday: 13:00 -14:00	Classroom H815	Dr Myriam Younes
Sect. 4	Thursday: 13:00 -14:00	Classroom H815	Dr Myriam Younes
Sect. 5	Tuesday: 13:00 -14:00	Classroom H815	Dr Myriam Younes
Sect. 6	Monday: 13:00 -14:00	Debbieh-Classroom EB318	J. Rola Akoum
Sect. 7	Monday: 14:00-15:00	Debbieh-Classroom EB318	J. Rola Akoum
Sect. 8	Tuesday: 10:00-11:00	Debbieh-Classroom EB318	Dr Ali Mourad
Sect. 9	Tuesday: 11:00-12:00	Debbieh-Classroom EG141	Dr Ali Mourad
Sect. 10 AR.	Wednesday: 15:00 – 16:00	Classroom H813	Me Maya Mansour
Sect. 11 (T1)	Thursday: 14:00-15:00	Classroom BT105	J. Tarek Torbey
Sect. 12 (T2)	Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Classroom BT105	J. Tarek Torbey
Sect. 13 (T3)	Thursday: 16:00-17:00	Classroom BT105	J. Tarek Torbey

Instructors' Information:

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Text, Readings, Materials:

Textbooks:

COMPASS - A manual on human rights education with young people – Chapters 4 and 5.

Supplementary reading **(Recommended)**

Understanding Human Rights – Manual on Human Rights Education, Human Security Network – University of Graz (digital)

Course Description/Objectives:

This course aims at introducing students to the principles of human rights and its foundations. The importance of human rights in our societies not only from a theoretical point of view, rather more from a practical one will be highlighted throughout the course. Special attention shall be given to certain global themes on human rights, which touch on critical topics related to our society.

Course Calendar/Schedule:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Date</u>
Human rights, their key values	1	1	Week 1
Other values,	1	2	Week 2
Characteristics of human rights,	1	3	Week 3
History of human rights, some problematic cases,	1	4	Week 4
Evolution of human rights	1	5	Week 5
Implementation of human rights and NGOs,	1	6	Week 6
MIDTERM EXAM		7	Week 7
Human Rights in Lebanon	1	8	Week 8
Specific themes	1	9	Week 9
Specific themes	1	10	Week 10
Specific themes	1	11	Week 11
Specific themes	1	12	Week 12
Specific themes	1	13	Week 13
FINAL EXAM		14	Week 14

Teaching and Learning Methods:

Lectures

Assessment Schedule

Assessment 1: Midterm (on the end of Week 7)

Assessment 2: Final (Week 14)

Course Policies:

Attendance:

Students should attend 80% of the lectures required for this course, or the general university rules will be applicable.

No entry to lecture rooms after the lecture begins.

Class Participation:

Class participation does not constitute a part of the grading in this course.

Missed Exams or Assignments:

Any student who misses an exam should give an acceptable excuse for his/her action or will be considered as absent.

Weighting of Assessments

1. Mid-Term Examination 40%
2. Final Examination 60%

Supplementary material which help students to succeed in the course:

TextBook: Constitutional Law and political system in Lebanon, Prof. Mohamed Majzoub, Al Halabi Publishers, 2002 (in Arabic)

Web Sites:

United Nations: www.un.org

International Committee of Red Cross: www.icrc.org

Council of Europe: www.coe.int

Human Rights Watch: www.hrw.org

Amnesty International: www.amnesty.org

The Institute for Human Rights: www.humanrightslebanon.org

Available Support Services:

Library of the Human Rights Center

8th Floor - Hariri Building

Course Coordinator:

Dr Myriam Younes