

## Faculty of Engineering & Technology

### Human Rights

#### Information :

**Course Code :** PSC 110

**Level :** Undergraduate

**Course Hours :** 2.00- Hours

**Department :** University Requirments

#### Area Of Study :

The overall aims of the course are:

1. Enrich students' knowledge about the basic concepts of human rights.
2. Develop students' skills to study the development of human rights framework.
3. Enrich students' knowledge about professional responsibilities, ethical, cultural and societal aspects of human rights, the international covenant on economic, social and cultural rights and all related agreements.

#### Description :

This course offers philosophical, legal, and political perspectives on human rights. After a short historical introduction to international human rights, it surveys international human rights treaties, courts, and institutions. Next it turns to topics in human rights theory, covering some contemporary philosophical theories of human rights. The final section explores some human rights problems and controversies such as economic and social rights, group rights, and cultural relativism

#### Course outcomes :

##### a.Knowledge and Understanding: :

1 -	a1. Recognize the links, contests and conflicts between globalization and human rights.
2 -	a2. List the ways of promoting and protecting human rights.
3 -	a3. Illustrate power relationships and roles of diverse actors, including civil society.
4 -	a4. Recognize public policy implications, particularly as they relate to Egypt in the Middle East as well as global contexts.

##### c.Professional and Practical Skills: :

1 -	d1. Collaborate effectively within multidisciplinary team.
2 -	d2. Communicate effectively.
3 -	d3. Search for information and engage in life-long self-learning discipline.

#### Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introduction to international human rights	2	1	
International human rights treaties, courts, and institutions	4	2	
Introduction to human rights theory	2	1	
Contemporary philosophical theories of human rights	4	2	

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Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Human rights problems and controversies	4	2	
Economic and social rights	4	2	
Group rights	4	2	
Cultural relativism	6	3	

**Teaching And Learning Methodologies :**

Interactive Lecturing  
Discussion  
Self-Study (Reading Materials )  
Case Studies

**Course Assessment :**

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Class Quizzes	10.00		
Final exam	40.00		Quiz on the fundamentals of HR
Midterms	30.00		
Performance/assignments	10.00		
Research	10.00		

**Books :**

Book	Author	Publisher
International Human Rights	Rhona K. M. Smith	Oxford

**Recommended books :**

- Brown, Chris, Sovereignty, Rights and Justice: International Political Theory Today. Cambridge: Polity Press, 2002.
- Forsythe, David P., Human Rights in International Relations, 2nd edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.