



Bachelor's courses Faculty of Law

VU University Amsterdam - Student- & Onderwijszaken - Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit - 2018-2019

Human Rights Protection in Europe

Course code	R_Hum.ri.pro (200933)
Period	Period 4
Credits	6.0
Language of tuition	English
Faculty	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coordinator	mr. M. Kuijer
Teaching staff	mr. M. Kuijer
Teaching method(s)	Lecture
Level	400

Course objective

This course deals with human rights law in Europe, both institutionally as well as substantially. The main focus is on the ECHR and its significance in European society for various areas of law (criminal law, administrative law and family/private law). The course also highlights the development of human rights law within the European Union.

Course content

The course will deal with the historic development of human rights law and the implementation of international human rights law into domestic legal orders. Attention is also paid to the procedure before the European Court of Human Rights and the interpretative methods of the Court. Subsequently, the most important case-law of the Court is discussed in respect of Articles 2 (right to life), 3 (prohibition of torture), 5 (right to liberty), 6 (right to a fair trial), 8 (privacy and family life), 9 (freedom of religion) and 10 (freedom of expression). During the course reference is made to other international human rights instruments including those in the EU legal order and mechanisms such as the CPT and the Venice Commission.

Form of tuition

Lectures (6x4 hours)

Type of assessment

Written exam.

Course reading

A collection of academic articles from law journals, handouts of the lectures and specified judgments of the EctHR, which will be made available on Canvas.

Target group

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

Exchange students (level: third bachelor year and master)

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

Remarks

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