

Exam JUR5710 -International Human Rights Law: Institutions and Procedures

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HUMR 4110 (Master's level à 10credits), JUR 1710 (Bachelor's level à 10credits), JUR 5710 (Master's level à 15 credits)

Please answer the number of questions which corresponds to your course.
Each question carries equal weight toward the exam grade.

Question 1: All students reply to Question 1.

Question 1:

The UN Charter stipulates in Article 1.3 that one of the aims of the organization is to promote and encourage the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Describe, analyze and comment upon the global institutional framework for the universal promotion and protection of human rights which has developed from the basis of the UN Charter.

Questions 2-5:

- Students taking the exam for 10 credits (HUMR4110 and JUR1710): You shall reply to TWO out of the four questions below.
- Students taking the exam for 15 credits (JUR5710): You shall reply to THREE out of the four questions below.

Question 2:

Describe, analyze and comment upon the role that NGOs can play in promoting and strengthening the implementation of human rights? If possible, illustrate by giving concrete examples.

Question 3:

The International Bill of Rights includes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Due to political and legal controversies the two separate international covenants were developed within the UN. The universality, indivisibility and interdependence of human rights have since the time of the development of the two separate international covenants been emphasized in the international political and legal debate. Describe, analyze and comment upon substantive and institutional developments important to the protection of economic, social and cultural rights. Take into account regional developments.

Question 4:

Minority protection has been subject to international regulation since the 17th century. Describe, analyze and comment upon the evolution of the protection of the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities. Take into account regional systems.

Question 5:

The UN treaty bodies provide an elaborate system for the protection of human rights. Under the aegis of the Council of Europe a regional system has developed, in which the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms is the starting point. Describe, analyze and comment up differences and similarities in the UN and Council of Europe regimes for the protection of human rights.