

<b>BA (CBCS) Human Rights Studies</b>	
<b>Semester III</b>	
<b>Course Code</b>	HRS6002T
<b>Course Title</b>	<b>International Human Rights System</b>
<b>NHEQF LEVEL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Course Credit</b>	6 credits
<b>Course Type</b>	Discipline Centric Compulsory Course (DCC) in Human Rights
<b>Delivery Type</b>	90 H, 60 Lectures for content delivery and 15 hours for Tutorials, class activity, case study and 15 hours for formative and diagnostic assessment.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Foundation level (Equivalent to 10+2)
<b>Corequisites</b>	None
<b>Course Objectives</b>	This course provides an in-depth analysis of the international human rights architecture, focusing on its evolution, key institutions, mechanisms, and contemporary challenges. The course aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of how international human rights norms have evolved and how effectively these norms get implemented. Also, the course will help to identify the gap between the principle and the practice of human rights. and are established, monitored, and enforced, and the interplay between global and regional human rights system
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	Students will get a thorough understanding of institutional mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights across continents and regions. The course will also prepare the students to pursue a career in human rights protection and advocacy.

<b>Syllabus</b>	
<b>Unit I</b>	<p>The United Nations Charter, Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights</p> <p>Other UN Instruments- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Convention on the Rights of the Child, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(18 Hours)</b></p>
<b>Unit II</b>	<p>Human Rights Council 1946-2006 : From the UN Commission on Human Rights to the UN Human Rights Council</p> <p>Composition, Working Methods, and Mandate</p> <p>Universal Periodic Review, Responses to Country Situations, Special Procedures, Complaint Procedure</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(16 Hours)</b></p>
<b>Unit III</b>	<p>Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR): Structure &amp; Functions</p> <p>International Commissions of Inquiry, Commissions on Human Rights, Fact-Finding missions and other Investigations</p> <p>UN Peacekeeping and Protection of Human Rights</p> <p>International Criminal Court (ICC)</p> <p>International Court of Justice (ICJ)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(20 Hours)</b></p>
<b>Unit IV</b>	<p>European Convention on Human Rights: History and Normative Developments since 1950</p> <p>European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>From Council of Europe to European Union: Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.</p> <p>American Convention on Human Rights 1969, The Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights 1960</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(16 Hours)</b></p>
<b>Unit V</b>	<p>African Charter of Human and People's Rights 1981, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights</p> <p>The Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, Arab Charter on Human Rights</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(20 Hours)</b></p>
<b>Suggested Readings</b>	

<b>Text Books:</b>	Clapham, Andrew (2007), <i>Human Rights- A Very Short Introduction</i> , New York & Oxford: Oxford University Press.
<b>Reference Books and Research Articles</b>	<p>Alston, Philip &amp; Mégret, Frédéric (eds.) (2020), <i>The United Nations and Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal</i>, Second Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Freedman, Rosa (2013), <i>The United Nations Human Rights Council: A Critique and Early Assessment</i>, New York: Routledge.</p> <p>Horowitz, Shale and Schnabel, Albrecht (eds.) (2004), <i>Human Rights and Societies in Transition: Causes, Consequences, Responses</i>, Tokyo: United Nations University Press.</p> <p>Grote, Rainer and Röder, Tilmann J. (eds.) (2016), <i>Constitutionalism, Human Rights and Islam after the Arab Spring</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Mills, Curt (2015), <i>International Responses to Mass Atrocities in Africa: Responsibility to Protect, Prosecute and Palliate</i>, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.</p> <p>Smith, R. (2015). <i>Textbook on International Human Rights</i>. New York: Oxford University Press.</p> <p><i>The United Nations Convention Against Torture: A Handbook on the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</i>, adopted on 10 December 1984. URL:  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-against-torture-and-other-cruel-inhuman-or-degrading">https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-against-torture-and-other-cruel-inhuman-or-degrading</a></p>
<b>E Resources:</b>	<p><a href="https://www.ohchr.org/">https://www.ohchr.org/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-convention">https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-convention</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.amnesty.org">https://www.amnesty.org</a></p>