

Information list of a subject

University: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Subject code : P/IR-400	Subject name: Human Rights
Type, scope, and method of educational activities: Two weekly meetings of 90 minutes each, amounting 42 hours total. Every week, the first meeting takes the form of a lecture and the second, of a seminar. (full-time form)	
Number of credits: 5 ECT	
Suggested semester: –	
Level of studies: 1	
Conditional previous subjects: –	
Requirements for the course: Course evaluation (%): 20% Active attendance at seminars, participation in debates, preparedness for class 20% Class preparation and active participation and deliberations on assigned chapters from <i>How Democracies Die</i> and reflection on the contents of the previous lesson 10% Pop Quiz 50% Essay (7-10 pages) Passing the course assumes that student was not absent at more than 4 class sessions. Late arrival is marked as a “tardie”. Three tardies equal one absence. Missing more than 15 minutes of the class is considered an absence.	
Learning outcomes: To see the ‘big picture’ students are encouraged to think critically about the human rights in their entirety. Students will examine, evaluate, and engage critically with different interpretations of political events, trends, phenomena on national and global levels.	
Brief outline of the course: This basic course on human rights aims to provide students with an understanding of what the human rights are and their importance in today’s world, including the European and international legal protection framework and their role in democracy. To this end, we look at the historical origins, doctrine, how they are formed in law, institutional structure of the movement and the challenges to its foundations. The core text for this course will be Levitsky and Ziblatt’s book <i>How Democracies Die</i> , chapters from which will be read and discussed on weekly basis as part of the evaluation. In addition, chapter from Clapham’s book <i>Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction</i> will be assigned for each class.	
Recommended readings: Clapham, Andrew. (2007). <i>Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press. Levitsky, S., & Ziblatt, D. (2018). <i>How Democracies Die</i> . London: Penguin. Ovey, Clare & Robin C.A. White. (2006). <i>Jacobs and White: The European Convention on Human Rights</i> , 4th ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press. Steiner, H. J., Alston, P., & Goodman, R. (2008). <i>International human rights in context : law, politics, morals : text and materials</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press	
Language of the course: English	
Notes:	
Evaluation	

Total number of evaluated students:					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
(percentage of students who got A)	(percentage of students who got B)	(percentage of students who got C)	(percentage of students who got D)	(percentage of students who got E)	(percentage of students who got FX)
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