

# The John Marshall Law School Center for International Law

## JD Certificate in International Human Rights Law

### Eligibility

All JD students are eligible to seek the Certificate in International Human Rights Law.

### Certificate Requirements

Students must complete 16 credits to receive the Certificate in International Human Rights Law. Students must earn eight credits in the “required courses” and eight credits from the “elective courses” (see below). Students must maintain a 3.25 grade point average in all courses that count towards the certificate and a 3.0 grade point average overall. Credits earned toward the certificate will also count toward the standard JD requirements.

#### **Required Courses (8 credits):**

Advanced Legal Research: International Law (Law 058, 1 credit)

International Human Rights (Law 174, 2 credits)<sup>1</sup>

Public International Law (Law 110, 3 credits)

Certificate Thesis<sup>2</sup> – Independent Research (Law 041, 2 credits)

#### **Elective Courses (8 credits from the following):**

Students may select any of the following to earn elective credits.

Comparative Constitutional Law and Human Rights (Law 174, 2 credits)

Comparative Human Rights (Law 174, 2 credits)

European Human Rights Law (Law 174, 2 credits)

The Holocaust and the Law (Law 202, 2 credits)

Sexual Orientation Law (Law 168, 2 credits)

International Criminal Law (Law 136, 3 credits)

International Organizations (Law 191, 2 credits)

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<sup>1</sup> Students may earn credit for Law 174 multiple times for differently titled courses. Law 174 (International Human Rights Law) is offered as several different courses, including International Human Rights Law, Comparative Constitutional Law and Human Rights, and European Human Rights Law. Students would be able to earn credit once for each different course title offered under the heading of Law 174. The same is true of Law 191 (International Law Seminar: Classic and Contemporary Issues), which is also offered as multiple different course titles under the same course number.

<sup>2</sup> Students must register for the 2 credit Independent Research course and complete a substantial research paper on a topic related to international human rights. The certificate thesis may build upon a shorter paper completed in another course, so long as that is disclosed in advance and approved by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

### **Alternatives to the Elective Courses (maximum of 3 credits):**

Students may petition to have up to 3 credits from one or more of the alternatives listed below count towards the elective requirement of the international human rights certificate.<sup>3</sup> For such credits to count, the student's work in the petitioned course must have a significant focus on international human rights. The Director of the Center for International Law shall determine whether the petitioned course(s) meets this requirement.

- Other courses offered by the John Marshall Law School
- Courses offered by another ABA-approved law school
- Participation in moot court competitions
- Clinical programs
- Externships
- Internships

### **REGISTRATION**

Students are required to notify the Director of the Center for International Law of their intent to seek a Certificate in International Human Rights Law prior to registration for their last semester before graduation.<sup>4</sup> However, students are strongly encouraged to notify the Director of the Center for International Law as early as possible of their intent to seek a Certificate in International Human Rights Law.

### **CERTIFICATE ADMINISTRATION**

The Director of the Center for International Law will serve as the focal point for the Certificate in International Human Rights Law and the Center will be responsible for administering the certificate and certifying that students have complied with the requirements of the certificate.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

The Certificate in International Human Rights Law will be inaugurated in Spring 2011; this will be the first semester that students can formally register for the Certificate. However, students may count relevant courses completed prior to the effective date towards the Certificate provided they meet the requirements for the Certificate.

For information, please contact the Center for International Law at 312.360.2659 or in CBA 1610.

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<sup>3</sup> A form will be provided for this purpose.

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