Syllabus

HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUNISHMENT - 61907

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: criminology

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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**Course/Module description:**
The seminar deals with the socio-legal development of the penal system from a human rights perspective issues with an emphasis on the prison context

**Course/Module aims:**
To examine the development of the penal system from socio-legal and human rights perspective

**Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:**
Students should develop a historical comparative on the penal system with an insight into the manner in which it reflects the prevailing culture and ideologies. In addition they should acquire an understanding of the rationales for the developing principles and standards of human rights applicable to penal practices. Following from the individual projects they will undertake as a requirement of the course, they will acquire the critical tools which will enable them to undertake critical assessments of current practices in these areas.

**Attendance requirements(%):**
In principle 100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Students benefit from the complementary backgrounds and disciplines of two lecturers which include field experience. Instruction is based on frontal lectures and intensive interaction with students, presentations by students, documentary movies and guest lectures.

**Course/Module Content:**
1. General Principles
   Human Rights & Punishment
   (a) Punishment, human rights & democracy
   (b) Specific concepts & principles
   (c) Parameters of punishment (punishable conduct, limits of sanctions & their implementation)
2. Human rights in general.
4. Development of international norms for punishment: (a) in general, (b) capital punishment, (c) imprisonment & (d) community punishments.
5. Norms of punishment in Israel – history, structure, constitution, imprisonment
6. Selected topics from the field of human rights & punishment.
7. Selected topics – general discussion and student presentations.

Required Reading:
A. Human Rights - General

B. Interpretation of Basic Documents on Human Rights in International Law
6. S. Joseph, J. Schultz & M. Castan, The International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights, 2nd ed; Oxford, 2004 (esp. ch.9);


C. Human Rights & Punishment

D. Penological Background

Additional Reading Material:
1. ציון אברומי, זכויות האדם ביחסים הבין לאומיים, הוצאת רמות, תשע"א.
2. נפתלי ושי, המ_USEDın Yayın לאומית, האוניברסיטה הפתוחה, תשע"א. 2011

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 5 %
Project work 85 %
Assignments 5 %
Reports 5 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
For students from the law track who participate in the seminar [] the course will be recognized as an elective of 4 points, but instead of submitting a full-length seminar paper like the criminology students, they will be required to submit a mini-seminar paper of c. 12-14 pages. They will, however, be expected to comply with all the other requirements of the course.