

GVI Online

Course syllabus

Human Rights and Advocacy



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Syllabus

The Human Rights and Advocacy course incorporates key concepts, tools and terminology that are used to analyse the achievements and failures of justice systems. Throughout, you'll study the skills that are needed to implement successful human rights initiatives.

Modules		Lessons	Learning objectives
1.	Human Rights Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Rights Principles Human Rights Origin Key Human Rights Concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the basic concepts and principles of human rights Explain the historical trajectory of the development of the modern concept of human rights Reflect on how your current understanding of human rights is constructed
2.	International Normative Framework Around Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Bill of Human Rights International Human Rights Law: A Short History Human Rights Mechanisms 101 Reflecting on Human Rights Treaties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the core human rights treaties List key normative frameworks on human rights Explore resources to gather more in-depth information on treaties of particular interest
3.	Cultural Relativism and Regional Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Relativism and Universal Human Rights A Rough Guide to the Regional Human Rights Systems Human Rights in Asia and the Pacific Analyse Human Rights Protection Mechanisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define cultural relativism and universalism Identify some of the main human rights issues facing people in different regions around the globe Have an overview of regional protection mechanisms

4.	The Rights of Specific Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of Minorities • Putting LGBTQIA+ Issues on the UN Agenda • The Rights of Specific Groups • Analysing Gaps in the Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and define which groups need additional protections in place to safeguard their human rights • Define how the international human rights system has addressed the rights of specific groups • Identify gaps in the current international framework to address the rights of some groups of people(s)
5.	Current Issues, Debates and Ways Forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Are the Human Rights Priorities of World Governments in 2020? • Human Right Advocacy Strategies • The Work of Human Rights Defenders and Use of Advocacy Tools • Your Advocacy Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe advocacy tools that human rights defenders can use • Analyse the status of current human rights issues and debates • Apply knowledge gained throughout the course to develop an advocacy plan

Distribution of learning effort

- Course total: 10 - 15 hours, self-paced.
- Per module: Average of 2 hours for videos, reading material, quizzes and engagement in the discussion forum.
- Final quiz-based assignment: Up to 1.5 hours to complete.

Your responsibility

You are expected to:

- complete your profile on Canvas with some background information on your areas of interest, work experience and/or educational qualifications and upload a profile picture
- master a series of modules that consist of readings, videos, presentations and notes
- undertake self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module to enhance your overall understanding of the content

- make at least one significant contribution to the discussion forum in each module (we define significant as something that adds a new perspective, provides input on resources and networks, or ask questions)
- complete the quiz-based course assignment at the end of the course

Assessments

- You will only be graded on the final course assignment. This is a summative assessment that integrates learning from all the modules.
- You are required to participate in pre- and post-course surveys and contribute to the discussion forums.
- You will not be graded on the self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module. These are formative assessments.

Grading

- You will need to achieve a grade of 75% or higher on your final course assignment to pass the course and receive a certificate of completion.