Training course on International Human Rights Law

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Legal Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the historical development and philosophical underpinnings of **International Human Rights Law**.
2. Interpret the core principles and provisions of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)**.
3. Differentiate between the **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)** and the **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)**.
4. Understand the structure and functions of the **United Nations human rights system**, including the Human Rights Council.
5. Examine the role of **regional human rights mechanisms** (e.g., European, Inter-American, African systems).
6. Assess state obligations regarding the protection, respect, and fulfillment of **human rights**.
7. Analyze specific thematic human rights issues, such as **gender equality** and the **rights of the child**.
8. Understand the legal principles governing **international criminal law** and **human rights violations** (e.g., genocide, crimes against humanity).
9. Explore the concept of **extraterritorial human rights obligations** of states.
10. Identify mechanisms for **human rights monitoring**, reporting, and complaint procedures.
11. Discuss the legal challenges and opportunities presented by **human rights in the digital age**.

12. Analyze the impact of **climate change** on human rights and emerging legal duties.
13. Formulate effective strategies for **human rights advocacy** and legal intervention.

Target Audience

This course is designed for a diverse range of professionals, academics, and activists who seek a comprehensive and practical understanding of International Human Rights Law:

1. **Legal Professionals:** Lawyers, judges, prosecutors, and legal advisors working in international law, public law, or human rights.
2. **Government Officials:** Diplomats, policymakers, and civil servants involved in foreign affairs, justice, or social development.
3. **Human Rights Advocates:** Staff of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), activists, and community organizers.
4. **United Nations & International Organization Staff:** Professionals working for UN agencies, regional bodies, or other intergovernmental organizations.
5. **Academics & Researchers:** Scholars, educators, and students in international law, political science, human rights, and international relations.
6. **Journalists:** Reporters and correspondents covering international affairs, conflict, and social justice issues.
7. **Military & Security Personnel:** Individuals operating in contexts where international humanitarian law and human rights law are relevant.
8. **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Professionals:** Those responsible for ensuring ethical business practices and human rights due diligence.

Course Duration: 10 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations and Evolution of International Human Rights Law

- Historical Development: From Natural Law to Post-WWII Instruments
- Philosophical Underpinnings and Universalism vs. Cultural Relativism
- The Role of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
- Key Concepts: Human Dignity, Equality, Non-Discrimination
- Interdependence, Indivisibility, and Interrelatedness of Rights

Module 2: Core Human Rights Treaties: ICCPR and ICESCR

- The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR): Key Provisions
- The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR): Key Provisions
- Distinguishing between Civil/Political and Economic/Social/Cultural Rights
- Obligations of States Parties under the Covenants
- Optional Protocols and their Significance

Module 3: The United Nations Human Rights System

- The UN Charter and Human Rights Principles
- The Human Rights Council: Mandate, Procedures, and Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Treaty Bodies: Functions, Reporting Procedures, and Individual Communications
- Special Procedures: Mandates of Special Rapporteurs and Working Groups

Module 4: Regional Human Rights Systems

- The European System: European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and the European Court of Human Rights
- The Inter-American System: American Convention on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court/Commission
- The African System: African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Court/Commission
- Comparisons and Complementarities of Regional Systems
- Challenges and Achievements of Regional Protection

Module 5: State Obligations and Accountability

- Obligations to Respect, Protect, and Fulfill Human Rights
- Due Diligence Standard in Human Rights Protection
- Derogations and Limitations on Rights: Legal Principles
- State Responsibility for Human Rights Violations
- Principles of Non-Refoulement and Extraterritorial Obligations

Module 6: Specific Thematic Human Rights Issue

- Rights of Women: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Rights of the Child: Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- Rights of Indigenous Peoples: UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- Rights of Migrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers

Module 7: International Criminal Law and Human Rights

- Defining Core International Crimes: Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity, War Crimes, Aggression
- The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)
- Universal Jurisdiction and Complementarity
- Individual Criminal Responsibility for Human Rights Violations
- Relationship between Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

Module 8: Monitoring, Reporting, and Advocacy

- National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)
- Role of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Monitoring and Advocacy
- Human Rights Documentation and Evidence Collection
- Strategic Litigation and Amicus Curiae Briefs
- Advocacy Strategies at National, Regional, and International Levels

Module 9: Corporate Human Rights Responsibility

- The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)
- Corporate Responsibility to Respect Human Rights: Due Diligence
- Access to Remedy for Victims of Corporate-Related Abuses
- Legal and Reputational Risks for Businesses
- Emerging Trends in Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence Legislation

Module 10: Human Rights in the Digital Age

- Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in the Digital Sphere
- Right to Privacy in the Context of Surveillance and Data Collection
- Cybersecurity, AI, and Human Rights Implications
- Digital Inclusion and Access to Technology as a Human Right
- Challenges of Online Hate Speech and Misinformation

Module 11: Human Rights and Environmental Challenges

- The Link between Climate Change and Human Rights (e.g., Right to Life, Health, Water)
- Environmental Human Rights Defenders: Protection and Challenges
- Emerging Concept of the Right to a Healthy Environment
- Corporate Accountability for Environmental Human Rights Impacts
- Climate Justice and Rights-Based Approaches to Climate Action

Module 12: Future Challenges and Developments in Human Rights Law

- Human Rights in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings
- The Role of Technology in Human Rights Protection and Violation
- Addressing Inequality and Systemic Discrimination
- Strengthening Implementation and Enforcement Mechanisms
- The Future of Universalism and the Evolving Nature of Rights

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.

- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center CO

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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