WINTER 2006 ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION
UMKC School of Law

COURSE NUMBER & COURSE NAME:  International Human Rights, Law 831,

PROFESSOR:  Picker

Class Schedule:  This class will meet in condensed form. Instead of 14 weeks of class, this class will meet for 7 weeks, with each class session being twice the usual length (with appropriate breaks provided). Such an arrangement will allow employment of group discussions, simulations, paper presentations, and allow for lengthy periods between and after the two sessions for research and writing of the required class paper.

The class will meet during the weeks of:
   February 6\textsuperscript{th} through February 24\textsuperscript{th}
   March 20\textsuperscript{th} through April 7\textsuperscript{th}

Additionally, there will be one guest-lecturer class and one video-conference class, to be arranged sometime during the regularly scheduled class time during the weeks of February 27\textsuperscript{th} to March 3\textsuperscript{rd} and March 13\textsuperscript{th} to March 17\textsuperscript{th}

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE(S):  None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITE(S):  None

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:  100% Class Paper, due April 24\textsuperscript{th}.  Additionally, student grades may be raised or reduced by one letter grade for exceptionally good or poor class performance.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:  This course will explore the history and development of that branch of international law devoted to human rights protections and enforcements. The course will examine the substantive law and how it fits within the international legal order as well as its interaction with the domestic legal regimes of the many countries of the world. Additionally, the course will examine international and domestic human rights enforcement mechanisms and institutions. Those institutions include international institutions such as the International Criminal Court and the European Court of Human Rights, as well as domestic institutions such as domestic law courts.

COURSE BOOK(S):  TBA

COURSE MATERIALS:  TBA

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:  A study of international human rights is crucial to understanding many of the current issues facing the world, its societies, and the many individuals suffering daily human rights abuses. A knowledge of international human rights law can prove useful in a variety of career settings including practice in the following domestic arenas: U.S. constitutional law (it figured heavily in the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on the death penalty for minors); Immigration Law (e.g., amnesty petitions frequently focus on human rights issues); Civil Rights (including race and gender discrimination issues); Family Law; and even in Corporate Law (multinational corporations have recently being forced to adopt human rights codes of conduct following alleged complicity in human rights abuses). Accordingly, a U.S., and indeed a KC attorney, would be well served to have an understanding of modern International Human Rights.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MISSOURI BAR EXAM PREPARATION:  Possible Constitutional Law relevance.