COURSE NUMBER & COURSE NAME: International Human Rights, Law 8831,

PROFESSOR: Picker

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE(S): None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITE(S): None

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: 70% Class Paper, two in-class quizzes of 15% each. 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 the U.S. Supreme Court decision on the death penalty for minors; Immigration Law (e.g., amnesty petitions frequently focus on human rights issues); 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).

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).

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