

COURSE DETAIL

HUMAN DIGNITY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Country

Israel

Host Institution

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Program(s)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

161

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HUMAN DIGNITY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

UCEAP Transcript Title

HUMAN DIGNITY

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course explores the meanings and functions of human dignity in a comparative and inter-disciplinary perspective. The course provides a critical and complex understanding of how the concept has developed, has been used, and should be used in constitutional and legal contexts. The course begins by identifying the intellectual origins of human dignity and mapping its meanings in philosophical discourse. Students explore developments in the uses and functions of human dignity in national constitutions from the 20th century to present day. The course examines the logic of drafting constitutional articles, and practices those principles on articles containing the concept of dignity in multiple functions. The course also gives tools to understand how justices employ the concept in various ways. The course also discusses topics including a psychological approach to human dignity as self-worth, dignity in medical ethics, dignity in prisons, and the uses of dignity by the Israeli Supreme Court.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

62471

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HUMAN DIGNITY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Host Institution Campus

Law, HUJ

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Law

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