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**HumanRights**  
and Humanitarian Law

A LEGAL APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS

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PROGRAM OF ADVANCED STUDIES ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

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MAY 28 TO JUNE 15, 2012  
THREE INTENSIVE WEEKS IN WASHINGTON, DC

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN AND DIRECTORS



**W**ELCOME TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW. You will discover that this is more than a leading law school; it's an environment of opportunity, and a uniquely collaborative place where students, faculty, and alumni champion what matters in all areas of the law. Since its founding in 1896, our school has passionately pursued the values of dignity, diversity, and equal rights for all. Here you will find a challenging atmosphere, one that encourages the exchange of ideas and invites you to share your unique experiences with others. Our goal each year is to keep building on our achievements while remaining focused on our commitment to engage the community, the nation, and the world through outstanding legal education.

The Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law takes full advantage of WCL's location in Washington, DC by giving participants unrivaled opportunities to meet policy makers, visit influential international organizations and attend a multitude of international events. The program is a venue for total immersion into the realm of human rights and humanitarian law provided in an intense three-week format that offers persons with limited time the chance to develop their skills and gain practical experience.

In 2011, the Academy hosted over 175 participants with diverse backgrounds and levels of experience from over 27 countries. We would be delighted to welcome you into the WCL community and look forward to your participation in this unique program.

Sincerely,

CLAUDIO GROSSMAN  
*Dean, American University Washington College of Law*



**W**E ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the 2012 Program of Advanced Studies of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law which will take place from May 28 to June 15, 2012 in Washington, DC. The program will offer 19 courses, 10 in English and 9 in Spanish. Courses can be taken for academic credit approved by the American Bar Association, for a Certificate of Attendance, or for a Diploma.

One of the unique qualities of the program is that it convenes an impressive group of human rights activists and professionals to teach at WCL. This enables the program to offer an innovative and diverse curriculum tailored to meet the needs of professionals specializing in human rights.

Concurrent with the program, the Academy sponsors Human Rights Month which offers additional academic opportunities through conferences, panels, and films. Additionally, there are events planned exclusively for participants, which include workshops, site visits to international organizations, a welcome and closing reception, a tour of the national monuments, and a dinner cruise along the Potomac River.

We hope to welcome you as a participant in our 2012 Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

Sincerely,

CLAUDIA MARTIN  
*Co-Director*

DIEGO RODRÍGUEZ-PINZÓN  
*Co-Director*

## FACULTY AND COURSES



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ROBERTA COHEN



LEO ZWAAK



ELIZABETH ABI-MERSHED



CHRISTOF HEYNS



CATARINA DE ALBUQUERQUE



FRANÇOISE HAMPSON

### **ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS (2 credits)**

**Olivier de Schutter**, *Special Rapporteur on the right to food, United Nations*

**Catarina de Albuquerque**, *Special Rapporteur on the right to safe drinking water and sanitation, United Nations*

### **EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (2 credits)**

**Leo Zwaak**, *Senior Researcher, Netherlands Institute on Human Rights, Utrecht University, Netherlands*

### **HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT (2 credits)**

**Mac Darrow**, *Coordinator, Millennium Development Goals – Research and the Right to Development Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations*

### **HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS (1 credit)**

**Antônio Cançado Trindade**, *Judge, International Court of Justice, United Nations*

### **INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (2 credits)**

**Françoise Hampson**, *Professor, University of Essex, England*

**Jamie Williamson**, *Visiting Professor, New England Law, Boston*

### **INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (2 credits)**

**Elizabeth Andersen**, *Executive Director, American Society of International Law, Washington, DC*

**Reed Brody**, *European Press Director, Human Rights Watch*



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MANFRED NOWAK



MARGARETE MACAULAY



REED BRODY



REBECCA COOK

**REGIONAL APPROACHES TO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW: AFRICA, AMERICA AND ASIA (2 credits)**

**Christof Heyns**, *Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, United Nations*

**Margarete Macaulay**, *Judge, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Washington, DC*

**Harry L. Roque, Jr.**, *Director, Institute of International Legal Studies Law Center, University of the Philippines*

**THE RIGHTS OF DISADVANTAGED AND VULNERABLE GROUPS (2 credits)**

**Roberta Cohen**, *Senior Advisor, Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement, Brookings Institute, Washington, DC*

**Gay McDougall**, *Former Special Rapporteur on the systematic rape, sexual slavery, and slavery-like practices in armed conflict, United Nations*

**UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM (2 credits)**

**Manfred Nowak**, *Former Special Rapporteur on torture, United Nations*

**Bertrand Ramcharan**, *Former Deputy and Acting UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

**WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (2 credits)**

**Elizabeth Abi-Mershed**, *Deputy Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Washington, DC*

**Rebecca Cook**, *Co-Director, International Program on Reproductive and Sexual Health Law, University of Toronto, Canada*

*For an updated list, including courses and faculty in Spanish, please visit our Web site.*



## THE PENCE LAW LIBRARY

Participants have access to The Pence Law Library, which offers an in-house collection of over a half million volumes, plus access to vast amounts of digital information. Additionally, participants have access to Westlaw, LexisNexis and other online legal databases.

## COMPUTER FACILITIES

Participants may use the computer lab in the library. Students can also register their personal computers in order to gain access to the WCL wireless network.

## TRANSPORTATION

The closest Metro (subway) stop to WCL is Tenleytown-AU on the Red Line. There is a free shuttle service to WCL and main campus.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

It is recommended for participants to purchase health insurance prior to their departure from their home countries.

## VISAS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Participants are responsible for processing any required visas to attend the program. Visa issuance may take up to 6 months, and all visitors are required to interview with an immigration officer. Participants should contact the U.S. Consulate and inquire about the procedure and required documentation. If you require a visa to enter the U.S., you must submit your application before April 17.

## HOUSING

There are a number of resources and alternatives for participants to find housing. Make sure you understand all policies and costs related to your stay before making a reservation.

American University offers housing in its residence halls. Residence halls are very basic accommodations. Rooms can be single or shared with shared bathrooms. For additional information, please visit:

[www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/housing.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/housing.cfm)

# REQUIREMENTS AND STATUS

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to apply, candidates must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in a law degree program at a U.S. law school accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) or at a foreign law school with equivalent standards and have completed the first year;
- Hold a law degree either from a U.S. law school accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) or from a foreign law school with equivalent standards;
- Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in a field related to international affairs, government, political science, journalism, or any other field related to human rights.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>May 1</b>
	<b>Course Fees Due</b>	<b>May 18</b>
	<b>Orientation</b>	<b>May 28</b>
	<b>Classes Begin</b>	<b>May 29</b>
	<b>Classes End</b>	<b>June 15</b>
	<b>Exam Period</b>	<b>June 17- July 11</b>

## ENROLLMENT STATUS

Participants may enroll under three categories: ABA Credit, a Diploma or a Certificate of Attendance.

### ABA Credit:

- Current law students enrolled in law schools in the United States can register in any of the courses and receive academic credits recognized by the American Bar Association.
- Students planning to apply to or already admitted to the LL.M. in the International Legal Studies Program at WCL have the option of transferring up to 4 credits toward their degree. Please contact the ILSP office for details at (202) 274-4110.

### Certificate of Attendance:

- Persons interested in the program who are not law students in the United States can take courses for a Certificate of Attendance.
- Special arrangements can be made for international students interested in taking these courses for academic credit in their home countries.

### Diploma

- This option is only available to individuals with a law degree.



# ABA/ACADEMIC CREDIT STUDENTS



## ABA/ACADEMIC CREDIT STUDENTS

**Application Process:** Submit the following documents:

- Online Application Form:  
[www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy)
- Application Fee of \$65\*
- A letter of good standing and permission from your university to enroll at American University Washington College of Law
- Resumé no longer than three pages
- Statement of interest no longer than one page

**Exams:** Exams are required for all courses taken for ABA credit. Exam period will go from June 17-July 11. Students will retrieve and submit exams electronically. You do not need to stay in Washington, DC after the completion of the program. Each exam has a time limit of 48 hours. All exams must be completed by midnight EST on July 11. Grades will be available in mid-August.

### 2012 Tuition and Fees for Academic Credit:

Application Fee	\$65*
Tuition per credit	\$1,638**

For information on policies regarding course withdrawal and reimbursement policies, please contact the Registrar's Office.

**Participation in Activities:** ABA/Academic Credit students are encouraged to participate in all the activities sponsored by the Academy during the program and Human Rights Month. In addition, a Certificate of Attendance is issued.

**Financial Aid:** Financial aid for summer study is limited to educational loans for WCL students. Information regarding various loan options and procedures is available in the Financial Aid Office and on their Web site [www.wcl.american.edu/finaid](http://www.wcl.american.edu/finaid)

Visiting law students must apply for assistance through their home institution, provided their school is willing and eligible to enter into a consortium agreement with American University Washington College of Law. Further information and consortium agreements may be obtained from the WCL Financial Aid Office.

*\*Non-Refundable. Not applicable to American University students.*

*\*\*Tuition does not include reading materials. Students may take up to 7 credit hours.*

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**Exams:** Exams are only mandatory for Diploma seekers, participants transferring credits to universities in their home countries or participants whose sponsors require them. All exams will be done electronically. Participants can return to their home countries and do not need to stay in Washington, DC. Exam period will be from June 17–July 11. Each exam has a time limit of 48 hours. All exams must be completed by 12:00 a.m. EST on July 11. Grades will be available in mid-August.

**Attendance Policy:** All participants are expected to attend 90% of all course sessions in order to receive the appropriate Diploma or Certificate.

**Registration:** Students may register for up to four courses. However, given the intensity of the workload, it is highly advisable that they take no more than three courses.

## Course Fees\*:

**Diploma:** The cost for the Diploma is \$3,800. Participants must hold a law degree and must complete a minimum of 64 hours of class. This minimum can be achieved by registering for two 14-day courses and one 7-day course or other course combinations. Participants can enroll in a fourth course, if they wish to, at no additional cost. Reading materials are included in this fee. Exams are mandatory.

## Certificate of Attendance:

**Application Fee: \$65\*\***

<b>One course</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>Two courses</b>	<b>\$1,950</b>
<b>Three courses</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>Four courses</b>	<b>\$3,450</b>

*\*Course fees include mandatory reading materials.*

*\*\*Non-refundable. Not applicable to American University Students.*

**Facility and Activity Fee:** Each student is required to pay a fee of \$100.

**Reimbursement:** Students can receive a full refund if they withdraw from courses within the specified time frame: by the second class for 14-day courses and by the first class for courses that meet for fewer than 14 days. All reading materials must be returned.

## OTHER ACADEMY PROGRAMS



**THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION** will take place from May 21–25, 2012. It is the only trilingual – English, Portuguese and Spanish – competition established to train law students how to use the Inter-American human rights legal system as a legitimate forum for redressing human rights violations. The Competition has trained over 2100 students and faculty participants from more than 235 universities in more than 35 countries. For more information, please visit:

[www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt)

**HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY AWARD** is an annual writing competition that encourages lawyers to produce scholarly work in International Human Rights Law. The Academy grants two awards for the best articles in English and in Spanish. Winners receive a scholarship to attend the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and their articles are eligible to be published in the *American University International Law Review*. The topic for 2012 is “*The Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights Law*.” For more information, please visit:

[www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/hreward.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/hreward.cfm)

**HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH** will be held from May 21–June 15, 2012. This annual event features conferences, workshops, a film festival, and a discussion of recent publications in the human rights field. Through Human Rights Month, the Academy provides a forum for the education on and discussion of human rights theory. Participants have the opportunity to share firsthand experiences, as well as network with fellow practitioners, scholars, and activists in the field. All panels are open to the public. For more information, please visit:

[www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/hrmonth.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/hrmonth.cfm)

**ANNUAL MEETING ON HUMAN RIGHTS** enables the Academy to continue its commitment to provide a venue where different sectors can openly discuss core issues concerning the development, sustainability, and effectiveness of the Inter-American Human Rights System, as well as current issues regarding human rights in the Americas.

**HUMAN RIGHTS LEGAL EDUCATION PROJECT** coordinates and develops cooperation agreements with academic institutions in Latin America and Europe to support local capacity development in the area of International Human Rights Law at universities.

## ADVISORY BOARD

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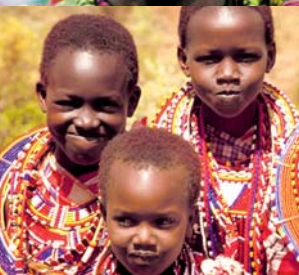
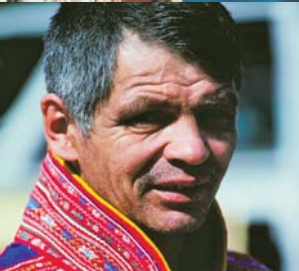
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## ABOUT WCL

The Washington College of Law was founded in 1896 by Ellen Spencer Mussey and Emma M. Gillett, who established a coeducational school to ensure that women as well as men were given the opportunity to study law. WCL has become one of the leading law schools in the U.S. in the area of international law. It is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and is approved by the American Bar Association. In addition, the law school meets the requirements for preparation for the bar in all states and carries the certification of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, as well as the New York State Department of Education.



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