USF School of Law
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Course:
International Human Rights

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Course Materials:
Please reference the booklist on the USF Law Registrar’s Course Resources page here.

First Assignment:
Read Chapter 1, Introduction pp. 1-48 of the Weissbrodt 2017 Textbook (posted on Canvas) and glance at the substantive provisions (at the beginning of each treaty) of the following treaties in the Supplement: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Race Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please consider the following questions as you do the reading. 1. What were the origins of human rights concerns? 2. How is this history relevant now? 3. How did the UN Charter change the view of human rights? 4. What did the Universal Declaration of Human Rights do? 5. What are the differences between the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)? 6. Why have Nations agreed to grant and protect human rights? 8. What is law? Do laws have to be enforced to be considered law?

Additional Notes: