COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*All classes are conducted in English or are translated. Advanced knowledge of Spanish is not required.*

**International Human Rights: Latin America – 3 credits**  
*Professor Alan White*

This course examines issues in international human rights law and policy and focuses on the law, history, and cultures of Chile and Argentina in relationship to these issues. It introduces students to human rights history and current issues in Latin America, focusing on Chile and Argentina. During lectures by distinguished professors, judges, and human rights advocates, students are introduced to comparative constitutionalism, the transition to democracy and reconciliation, rights of indigenous peoples, and the judicial systems of each country. In addition to classroom lectures, students will visit Constitutional, Supreme, and criminal courts; meet with human rights organizations such as Foundacion de Vicaria de la Solidaridad, Las Madres de Plaza de Mayo, and Amnesty International; and visit government institutions such as the Chilean Congress. Scholars and practitioners will use site visits to facilitate conversations and anchor classroom learning in a historical and cultural context.

**Comparative Family Law – 2 Credits**  
*Professor Seymour Moskowitz*

This course will seek to understand and to explain patterns of similarity and divergence in the law of domestic relations in several societies, with special emphases on human rights concerns. By examining a number of discrete, but interrelated, issues, e.g., grounds for marriage and divorce, new reproductive technologies (e.g., surrogate motherhood, in vitro fertilization), custody determinations (especially the children of “disappeared” parents), etc., students will become exposed to the varying rules and processes used by common law (the United States and the United Kingdom) and civil law (Chile & Argentina) systems. Our locus in South America will provide rich resources in local family law issues and practice, particularly through field trips and guest lectures.