**EHR 2105 Ethics, Human Rights and Governance**

**Course Description**

The course will introduce students to the concepts of human rights showing them how they relate to governance. It will show them how good policy positively affects economic development. It will show them how a democratic environment leads to a culture of observing human rights. It will equip students with values of governance such as accountability, transparency and honesty. It exposes to them the role of security forces in governance and promotion of human rights.

**Course Objectives**

1. The is to help students developed ability to appreciate the link between the rights guarantors (the state) and the rights consumers (the general public)
2. Students should also be able to understand the link between human rights and governance, the link between government policy and good economic environment
3. Students should also be able to understand the concept of democracy, the benchmarks of governance such as accountability, transparency and honesty, and understand the role of security agencies in governance

**Learning Objectives**

By the end of the course students should be able to learn the following:

1. To developed the ability to appreciate the link between the rights guarantors (the state) and the rights consumers (the general public)
2. To understand the link between human rights and governance.
3. To understand the link between government policy and good economic environment
4. To understand the concept of democracy
5. To understand the benchmarks of governance such as accountability, transparency and honesty
6. To understand the role of security agencies in governance

**Methodology**

Lectures, group presentations, and expert seminars

**Assessment Mode**

Take home exercise 15%

Practical exercise test 15%

End of semester examination 70%

**Reading list**

Comparative Constitutionalism and Good Governance in the Commonwealth: An Eastern and Southern African Perspective (Cambridge Studies in International &

Global Corruption Report 2008: Corruption in the Water Sector (Transparency International Global Corruption Reports) [Compiled by Transparency International](http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/search-handle-url/279-0476178-4867323?%5Fencoding=UTF8&search-type=ss&index=books-uk&field-author=Compiled%20by%20Transparency%20International) Paperback: pp 398, Cambridge University Press; 1 edition (26 Jun 2008) ISBN-10: 0521727952 ISBN-13: 978-0521727952

Understanding International Relations [Chris Brown](http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/search-handle-url/279-0476178-4867323?%5Fencoding=UTF8&search-type=ss&index=books-uk&field-author=Chris%20Brown) Paperback: 312 pages Palgrave Macmillan; 3rd Revised edition (7 April 2005) ISBN-10: 1403946647 ISBN-13: 978-1403946645