

# StanfordLawSchool

## **INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE** **COURSE EVALUATION – SUMMARY**

Winter 2018 Quarter

Course Number: LAW 5033

Instructor: Zachary D. Kaufman, J.D., Ph.D.

All students in the course anonymously provided responses to the evaluation. Below are the ratings and illustrative quotations from these evaluations.

Course Content and Evaluation: This rating combined prompts about whether readings and lectures were well integrated, readings were appropriate and useful, lectures were intellectually stimulating, and the course as a whole was intellectually stimulating. The students' average rating—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “Agree Strongly”—was a perfect 5.0.

Teaching Evaluation – Zachary Kaufman: This rating combined prompts about whether the instructor was accessible and helpful outside class, the instructor was clear in presenting material, and the instructor was overall an effective teacher. The students' average rating—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “Agree Strongly”—was also a perfect 5.0.

Illustrative quotations: The following are quotations from the descriptive portion of the evaluations:

*Overall quotations about the course or instructor:*

- “This is perhaps the best seminar I have taken on any subject anywhere.”
- “This is the most engaging class I have taken, undergrad or law school.”
- “This has been far and away my favorite law school class.”
- “This is one of the best classes I’ve taken at Stanford.”
- “Great class, one of the best I have taken at Stanford Law School.”
- “The course was fantastic.”
- “One of my favorite classes at Stanford so far, I would highly recommend this class to pretty much everyone (as long as Kaufman is teaching – he absolutely makes this course his own and is the reason the class is so wonderfully rich).”
- “Kaufman is an absolute expert in the transitional justice field, and his teaching ability is second to none. I am truly lucky to have gotten the opportunity to take this class with him.”
- “Dr. Kaufman is an exceptional instructor on every level.”
- “The best part of the course really is the professor!”
- “Kaufman is an amazing teacher and mentor. He went above and beyond to make himself available outside of class for help on our assignments and in our careers. I have also never received such comprehensive and thoughtful feedback on my assignments before.”

*More detailed quotations about the course or instructor:*

- “Prof. Kaufman’s knowledge of the International Criminal Court and transitional justice issues is truly unparalleled. Moreover, it’s evident that he’s exceedingly well-prepared for class.”
- “The professor really makes this class what it is – his experience and knowledge of the course topics (and crucially his ability to communicate that experience and knowledge to his students) makes the class a wonderful complement to any legal education – and is a must-take class for those interested in international human rights or international law more generally.”
- “Dr. Kaufman is exceptionally kind and generous with his time, insight, and professional connections. In just a few weeks, I already feel that he is my closest mentor at Stanford Law.”
- “I would say three things:  
1. This class is a MUST if you are interested in the field of International Justice.

2. You will not regret taking a class with Professor Kaufman.

3. I am sure that at the end of the quarter you will miss the sessions with him, as I do.”

- “He was a fantastic advocate for what I am interested in my career. When I mentioned that I wanted a certain summer position (where he had worked previously), he gave me the inside scoop, gave me an idea of what the experience would provide, and was incredibly generous in forwarding my interest to one of his colleagues who he had worked with.” [Note: The student got this summer position at the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.]
- “Transitional justice is fascinating, but the professor was able to take the class to an entirely new level of depth, nuance, and critical analysis . . . . The professor’s insights into the institutions and norms we studied through his experience on the ground and in academia allowed the students to understand the topics we covered through both conceptual and practical lenses, something that is much too often lacking in law school courses.”
- “Kaufman is an extremely engaging and knowledgeable professor who knows a great deal on the content. Professor Kaufman is also one of the most accessible and helpful professors I have had at Stanford, from discussing course contents as well as helping out with job and internship ideas.”
- “The professor was also extremely accessible outside of class – my conversations with him were always engaging and deepened my understanding of the course ideas. He also acted as a great mentor with regards to short term and long term job prospects, and the realities of working in different parts of the international criminal justice world (as well as international human rights more broadly). I feel as though I come out of every interaction with the professor with a better understanding of the material and more possible lines of inquiry/study/interest to explore.”
- “Professor Kaufman has previous experience with just about every topic in the class, which was an incredible asset to our class.”
- “Professor Kaufman is upbeat, easy to talk to, and very accessible. He is organized and has clear expectations. Also, he goes the extra mile to get to know his students. I was incredibly impressed.”
- “He is super kind, thoughtful, intelligent, and fun.”
- “Professor Kaufman is also genuinely one of the nicest professors that I’ve ever had at Stanford and you can tell how much he cares that you understand the material, and both learn and have a good time with the class content.”
- “I enjoyed ALL aspects of the class. Professor Kaufman is a fantastic professor who inspired all of his students to engage in the International Justice field with passion. He was always open to new ideas and promoted fascinating discussions.”
- “He was always available to give constant feedback not only for our course assignments but with other course’s work. In my particular case he took the time to review a research proposal I have and gave me very valuable feedback. I will always be grateful for his kindness and his generosity sharing his knowledge with us.”
- “I wish the class was longer!”
- “I hope to take another one of Professor Kaufman’s classes soon.”