

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND ATROCITIES
COURSE EVALUATION – SUMMARY

Spring 2021

Course Number: Law 7397

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

All students anonymously provided evaluations of this course, which was taught online during the COVID-19 pandemic. Below are ratings and illustrative quotations from these evaluations.

Course Evaluation: This rating combined prompts about how much the student learned relative to other law courses, whether the course will make the student a better lawyer, whether the student would recommend the course to other students, the amount of reading and preparation the course required, and the difficulty of the course's subject matter. The students' average rating of the overall quality of this course—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning "Outstanding"—was a perfect 5.0.

Instructor Evaluation: This rating combined prompts about whether the instructor was well prepared, demonstrated respect for all students, effectively communicated information, and was available for individual assistance. The students' average rating of the overall teaching effectiveness of this instructor—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning "Outstanding"—was also a perfect 5.0.

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

- "Professor Kaufman is the best Professor I've had in all 3 years of UHLC. He's the most kind, available, and knowledgeable professor here."
- "Given his tremendous performance as a teacher, I felt obligated to nominate him for a teaching award, something I have never before done."
- "Professor Kaufman is a phenomenal professor . . . I had heard from past students raving about Professor Kaufman and how spectacular he was. I knew I had to take at least one course with him before I graduated and I'm so thankful I was able to. I learned more in this class than most of my 2L/3L courses and this is a non-bar writing course! Once again, I have to repeat that Professor Kaufman is a phenomenal professor. I'm not sure if he has tenure but I beg you, please please do give it to him if he doesn't."
- "Thank you, Professor Kaufman, for investing your time, energy, and goodness into us. We love you!"
- "Professor Kaufman is one of the best professors I had at the Law Center. He has an incredible gift of being caring while also keeping the bar incredibly high. He is also brilliant and incredibly modest, and for me, this combination helped me to learn the most effectively, as I knew I was speaking to an expert, but I was never too self-conscious to ask questions. This semester has been very challenging, and I found comfort in Professor Kaufman's course. I felt his expectations were very clear, his feedback was incredible, and I genuinely felt that I was going to a class where the Professor cared about me as a person. Before taking this class, I was repeatedly told that I would have missed out by graduating without learning from Professor Kaufman. I plan to pass that message on, and I'm so glad I took this course."
- "Excellent course. Excellent instructor."
- "Dr. Kaufman is a phenomenal teacher. His passion for the field of international justice is inspiring. His wealth of knowledge on the subject is only surpassed by his concern for his students. As a veteran teacher myself, I know that dedication takes energy, which must have been in particularly short supply this semester. Nevertheless, he went out of his way to make himself available to the class and was responsive to any concerns . . . Now in my last semester of law school, I regret not having taken any other courses with Dr.

Kaufman. He is a great asset to UHLC. The school would do well to find more of his caliber. Thank you for a great class!”

- “I have thoroughly enjoyed this semester with Professor Kaufman. He is an excellent teacher and very knowledgeable about the course material, both from an academic standpoint but also a practical standpoint. More so than any of my other professors, he has really made an effort to get to know each of his students on a personal level, which I enjoyed. In addition to learning the substantive information in this class, I also feel like the theoretical knowledge I gained can and will be used and applied to different situations when I am a practicing attorney, ultimately making me a better advocate.”
- “The course was incredibly rewarding, and I learned a lot. Professor Kaufman did a tremendous job structuring the classes and respectfully encouraging engagement throughout. He also is very passionate about the subject matter, which made the class that much more interesting . . . Professor Kaufman is an incredible asset to the University and I will be recommending all of my friends to take his classes. I hope I’m fortunate enough to take another class with him before I graduate.”
- “Professor Kaufman is kind to his students, and passionate about the field he’s in. He imparts the enthusiasm he has for international justice through every class. Grateful to have him as my professor this past semester.”
- “One of the brightest scholars I’ve studied under—brings complex material and makes it more palatable and easier to digest.”
- “I really enjoyed this class, and this professor was an absolute pleasure to work with . . . I hope to take another class from this professor someday.”