Entry Requirements
A three year bachelor degree or equivalent.

Delivery Mode and Fees
For 2007 and 2008 the courses will be offered on a part-time basis. Classes will be held on Saturdays at our North Sydney Campus. Some elective units may be offered online. Classes will commence in second semester 2007. The fee for each unit varies according to the discipline.

How to Apply

About the ILS
The Institute of Legal Studies (ILS) is a national Institute within the University. It offers specialist inter-disciplinary postgraduate programs to meet a variety of needs in the wider community. Courses are taught by the Institute’s academic staff and by expert guest lecturers.

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**Professor Frank Brennan sj AO***

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**Professor Raimond Gaita***

is Foundation Professor of Philosophy at ACU National, Professor of Moral Philosophy at King's College, University of London and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. His books and publications include: *Good and Evil: An Absolute Conception*, *Ramus, My Father* (now a critically acclaimed feature film) and *A Common Humanity: Thinking about Love and Truth and Justice, The Philosopher's Dog, Why The War was Wrong* (as editor and contributor), *Breach of Trust: Truth, Morality and Politics* (Quarterly Essay 16) and *Thinking about Torture* (forthcoming). Professor Gaita has contributed extensively to public discussion about reconciliation, collective responsibility, the role of moral considerations in politics, genocide and the alleged uniqueness of the Holocaust. Most recently he has been active in speaking and writing against people who advocate the legalisation of some forms of torture. He will examine the philosophical basis of doctrines of human rights, especially those that appeal to the idea of the "inalienable dignity of every human being".

**Dr Annemarie Devereux**

is a lawyer and academic who specialises in international human rights law. She has worked as a Legal Adviser in the Human Rights Units of United Nations peacekeeping missions in East Timor and with the UN in New York.

**Professor Chris Sidoti**

is a human rights lawyer, consultant, activist and teacher. An Adjunct Professor at ACU National, he is also the director of the International Service for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland. He was formerly Australian Human Rights Commissioner, Australian Law Reform Commissioner and Foundation Director of the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

The courses provide career development opportunities for professionals working in the areas of human rights and social justice, including those who work in international or national development and in NGOs. They are also ideal for lawyers, teachers or public administrators who wish to develop a deeper understanding of current issues. Furthermore, the course will provide personal development opportunities for those deeply concerned with human rights in Australia and globally.

**Course structures**

The courses are flexibly structured to allow for different needs and learning outcomes. Individual units may be taken on a non award basis for professional or personal development, or you may undertake studies leading to a formal award of a Graduate Certificate of Human Rights (4 units) or a Graduate Diploma of Human rights (8 units).

Upon completion of the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, students will have an understanding of the legal framework that impacts on human rights issues, including treaties and international human rights mechanisms. Other topics include: human rights in Australia and overseas, terrorism, and the rights of Indigenous peoples, especially in Australia and the South Pacific. The courses will enable students to study and reflect broadly on philosophical and spiritual aspects of human rights.

**Interdisciplinary approach**

The courses bring together a range of disciplines to assist students to develop the necessary understanding and knowledge. Elective units build on the core units undertaken by all students to provide opportunities for individual development needs.

**Two core units are selected from:**

- International Human Rights; or
- Australian Human Rights; and
- The Philosophy of Human Rights; or
- Catholic Social Thought

The elective units may be chosen from the above or others including:

- Human Rights and International NGOs
- Terrorism and Human Rights
- International Human Rights Mechanisms
- Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples

In addition, students may undertake research in areas of special interest, either as a professional development activity or in an applied research program. Not all electives will be available each semester and offerings will vary depending on enrolments and staff availability.

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