

Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs
E476/V450 – Environmental Law and Regulation
Spring Semester 2017
Monday/Wednesday, SPEA 169 4:00-5:15

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Course Description

The goals of this course are to:

1. Provide an introductory upper-level undergraduate review of environmental law and regulation, including: The framework for decision-making, environmental interests and perspectives and federal environmental law, including environmental assessment, endangered species, water pollution control and resources, air pollution control, toxic substances, waste management, superfund, public lands management and international environmental law, and alternative dispute resolution.
2. Provide an opportunity to work with the professor, and other experts and students to apply information learned in the context of case studies and problem resolution.
3. Provide a practical understanding of how decisions and laws are made in the environmental management context.

Student Responsibilities

1. Attend and pay attention in class. No computers or electronic devices will be permitted during class time.
2. Complete the assigned readings prior to class and participate in class discussion.
3. Complete research projects as assigned by the instructor.
4. Complete assignments that evaluate your understanding and application of the information.
5. Seat assignments will be made in order to allow the professor to learn student names.

Reading Materials

Readings will be assigned periodically and will be made available online. No books need to be purchased.

Grading and Course Requirements

The course grade will be based on a 1200-point grading system with points allocated to student performance as follows:

Research Project	200 points
Problem Solving Exercises (6)	300 points
Exams I-III (3)	300 points
Participation/Attendance	150 points
Exam IV	100 points
Weekly quiz (15)	150 points

Total Points Available	1200 points
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A plus/minus grading scale will be applied as follows:

97-100%	A+
93-96	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
63-66	D
60-62	D-
0-59	F

Exam dates and deadlines for other assignments will be strictly enforced. Exams may not be made up without a proper excuse. Other assignment grades will be assessed a 10% penalty per week.

Student Misconduct

Academic and personal misconduct by students in this class are defined and will be dealt with according to the procedures in the Code of Student Ethics.

Course Schedule

January 9	M	Course Introduction
January 11	W	The Plight of “Wilderness”, Indiana
January 16	M	HOLIDAY-NO CLASS
January 18	W	History of the World Part I: The Environment
January 23	M	Perspectives on Environmental Law and Policy
January 25	W	Environmental Film Festival
January 30	M	NEPA
February 1	W	Environmental Land Use
February 6	M	Research Fundamentals and Introduction to Research Project
February 8	W	EXAMINATION I
February 13	M	Public Lands Management
February 15	W	ESA/Wildlife
February 20	M	RESEARCH PROJECT WORK SESSION
February 22	W	Water Rights
February 27	M	Wetlands and Water Resource Laws
March 1	W	Coastal Zone Management Act/Marine Resource Protection
March 6	M	Natural Resource Problem Solving Exercise
March 8	W	EXAMINATION II
March 13-19		SPRING BREAK-NO CLASS
March 20	M	Risk, Risk Assessment and Risk Management
March 22	W	Water Pollution
March 27	M	Air Pollution
March 29	W	Superfund
April 3	M	Solid and Hazardous Materials
April 5	W	EXAMINATION III
April 10	M	Toxic Substances
April 12	W	Environmental Justice
April 17	M	International Environmental Law
April 19	W	Energy Law
April 24	M	History of the World Part II: Trends in Environmental Law
April 26	W	Mayor Cox’s Top 10 Lessons on Life
May x (TBA)		FINAL EXAM