General Information

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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 supply 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 Class.

2. Complete the assigned readings prior to class and participate in class discussion.

3. Complete the research project exercises assigned by the instructor.

4. Complete two examinations that test each students understanding of and ability to apply the information presented during the course.
Reading Materials


3. Additional readings will be put on reserve at the SPEA library throughout the semester.

Grading and Course Requirements

The course grade will be based on approximately 1000 point grading system with points allocated to student performance as follows:

- **Class Attendance/Participation**: 200 Points
- **Examinations**: 400 points
- **Research Project**: 200 points
- **Quizzes/Problem Solving Exercises**: (up to) 200 points
- **Final Examination**: 200 points

Total Points Available: 1200 points

A plus/minus grading scheme 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 Calendar

Aug 30  Course Overview: Student Backgrounds, Goals and Questions

Sept. 1  No class

Sept. 6  Scope of Environmental Law
         Foundation I: Perspectives on Environmental Law
         Schoenbaum, pp. 2-37
         Percival, pp. 1-101 (generally skim)

Sept. 8  Scope of Environmental Law
         Foundation I: Perspectives on Environmental Law
         Schoenbaum, pp. 2-37
         Percival, pp. 1-101 (generally skim)

Sept. 13  Scope of Environmental Law
         Foundation I: Perspectives on Environmental Law
         Schoenbaum, pp. 2-37
         Percival, pp. 1-101 (generally skim)

Sept. 15  Scope of Environmental Law
         Foundation I: Perspectives on Environmental Law
         Schoenbaum, pp. 2-37
         Percival, pp. 1-101 (generally skim)

Sept. 20  Multiple films covering Environmental Decision-Making

Sept. 22  Multiple films covering Environmental Decision-Making

Sept. 27  Multiple films covering Environmental Decision-Making

Oct. 4   Foundation II: Framework for Environmental Decision Making
         Schoenbaum pp. 84-193
         Alternative Dispute Resolution

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         Schoenbaum pp. 84-193
         Alternative Dispute Resolution
Oct. 11  Examination 1

Oct. 13  National Environmental Policy Act  
Schoenbaum, pp. 217-272

Oct. 20  Public Lands Management  
Schoenbaum, pp. 298-329  
Environmental Land Use Law

Oct. 22  Public Lands Management  
Schoenbaum, pp. 298-329  
Environmental Land Use Law

Oct. 27  Endangered Species Act  
Schoenbaum, pp. 338-382  
Keubasek, pp. 302-307 (on reserve)  
Wetlands  
Keubasek, pp. 295-301 (on reserve)

Nov. 1  Examination 2

Nov. 3  Water Resources  
Water Pollution Control  
Schoenbaum, pp. 855-1008

Nov. 8  Water Resources  
Water Pollution Control 
Schoenbaum, pp. 855-1008

Nov. 10  Air Pollution Control  
Schoenbaum, pp. 708-865

Nov. 16  Air Pollution Control  
Schoenbaum, pp. 708-865

Nov. 17  Superfund  
Schoenbaum, pp. 583-706

Nov. 22  Toxic Substances  
Schoenbaum, pp. 427-506  
Percival, pp. 101-135  
International Environmental Law

Nov. 29  Hazardous Materials  
Sullivan, pp. 89-126 (on reserve)
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