

## Environmental Law Syllabus

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Class Time: T/W 1:30-2:45 (12:30-1:45 CST)

Class Location: Drinko 251

### COURSE MATERIALS:

- H. Doremus, A. Lin, & R. Rosenberg, *Environmental Policy Law: Problems, Cases, and Readings* (6<sup>th</sup> ed. 2012)
- Supplemental readings will come from articles available through electronic databases and other postings on TWEN.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course has three major learning objectives. First, the course provides students with an introduction to the philosophical underpinnings and the political and legal processes that shape federal environmental law. Second, the course provides students with a solid doctrinal footing in substantive federal environmental law, focusing on four major environmental law statutes: the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. Third, the course introduces students to the complex relationship between environmental law and other areas of law (e.g., administrative law) and to the dynamic relationship between domestic and international environmental law-making.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Attendance, Preparation & Participation:** My approach to teaching emphasizes participation and engagement. All students are expected to attend class regularly and come to class prepared to contribute knowledgeably and thoughtfully to the day's discussion. Class participation will count 15% of your grade; the emphasis of your grade will be on the quality rather than the quantity of your classroom contributions.
2. **Evaluation:** 85% of your grade will be based on a take-home exam; 15% will be based on class participation.

### OFFICE HOURS:

I will hold office hours Mondays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. You are welcome to drop by at other times, but if you want to be sure you find me in and with time to talk it, please try to schedule an appointment.

### HONOR CODE:

Students enrolled in this course are expected to at all times comply with the College's Honor Code and Academic Rules.

<b>Tentative Class Schedule</b>		
<u>The Clean Water Act: From Best Available Technology to Water Quality</u>		
<b>Wed., Nov 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Introduction and Overview Point Source Pollution: Covered Waters	11-760 to 11-784
<b>Tues., Nov. 15th</b>	Covered Activities & Effluent Standards	11- 784 to 11-805
<b>Wed. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Water Quality Standards	11-821 to 11-830
<b>Tues., Nov 29th</b>	Nonpoint Source Pollution	11-816 to 11-821
<u>Biodiversity Protection</u>		
<b>Wed. Nov 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Historical Background Justifications for Biodiversity Protection; The Endangered Species Act	6-321-340
<u>Make-Up Class</u>	Review	Possible Dates: Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>