

Environmental Policy and Planning

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Course Objectives

An interest in law and policy is important, but it is assumed that students have not previously studied law of any type. Further, please note that this course is **not** designed to prepare you as an environmental attorney. Rather, you should leave the course with a working, general knowledge of key environmental laws and policies but, more importantly, an appreciation for the way in which environmental laws and policies develop, are implemented (or not implemented), enter the legal arena, and ultimately affect citizens, industries, state and local governments.

Course Textbook

N.K. Kubasek, G.S. Silverman, *Environmental Law* (6th ed., 2008) Prentice Hall.

Integrity

The work you will do in this course is subject to the rules and regulations of this university. See the University of Cincinnati Student Code of Conduct for the applicable University rules (<http://www.uc.edu/conduct/>).

Grades:

1. Exams: 80%
 - a. Exam 1: 40%
 - b. Exam 2: 40%
2. Class Participation: 20%

a. Class Presentation

TOTAL: 100%

Grading Scale:

A: 93-100
A-: 90-92
B+: 87-89
B: 83-86
B-:80-82
C+: 77-79
C: 73-76
C-: 70-72
D: 60-69
F: Below 60

Class Presentation:

Working individually, you are expected to complete a presentation on an environmental law or policy topic of your choice. You are free to choose your own topic, but you must confirm your proposal before you start your research by presenting a brief paragraph describing your topic.

Example topics:

- A. Economic Analysis as an Environmental Tool
- B. New Source Review under the CAA
- C. Addressing Non-Point Source Pollution under the CWA
- D. Protecting Endangered Species on Private Land under the ESA
- E. Environmental Protection under the WTO
- G. Hurricane Katrina: Federalism and the role of Government
- H. Understanding the Role of NGOs in Protecting the Environment

Policy on Late Work:

Zero credit, unless you can satisfactorily demonstrate extenuating circumstances after the fact or have been given permission at least 24 hours prior to the deadline.

*This syllabus is tentative and subject to change upon the professor's discretion.

Tentative Class Schedule

Class 1. Wednesday 9/23: Constitutional and Administrative Law

Assignment: Chapters 1-3

Class 2. Wednesday 9/30: Environmental Economics

Assignment: Chapter 4 and 9

Class 3. Wednesday 10/7: Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy/Energy

Assignment: Chapters 5

Class 4. Wednesday 10/14: Air Quality

Class 5. Wednesday 10/21: Exam 1 (*PRESENTATION TOPICS DUE)

Assignment: Chapter 6

Class 6. Wednesday 10/28: Water

Assignment: Ch. 10-11

Class 7. Wednesday 11/4: International Environmental Law/Natural Resources Law

Class 8. Wednesday 11/11: Veterans Day (No Class)

Class 9. Wednesday 11/18: Natural Resources Law

Class 10. Wednesday 11/25: Natural Resources Law/Adaptive Management

Class 11. Wednesday 12/2: Student Presentations

Class 12. Wednesday 12/9: Exam 2