



Nunez Community College Environmental Law Syllabus Fall Semester 2006

Course: ENVR 1030
Building: AST
Room Number:
Days: MW
Times: 5:30 – 6:45 pm
Division: Business and Technology

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION: An introduction to the major federal and Louisiana environmental agencies, programs, statutes, and case law, and their impact on both the public and private sector. Topics include the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

TEXTBOOK: Environmental Law and Policy, 2003. Salzman, James, and Thompson, Barton. Concepts and Insight Series, Foundation Press, Thomson West Publishers, ISBN 1-56662-984-5.

COURSE GOAL: To introduce the students to the basic environmental laws and regulations, and the underlying social policies.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Numerous in- and out-of-class assignments, Internet and library exercises will be required for most chapters. There will be approximately six regular examinations, each covering several chapters, and one cumulative final. Students work individually and in groups. All are expected to contribute to in-class as well as on-line discussions. Each student must provide an e-mail address for class correspondence.

COURSE COMPETENCIES: To complete this course with credit the student must display an adequate understanding of the material presented by earning a 70% or higher average of scores on all work given. The student must be able to demonstrate:

1. Knowledge of today's legal environment through examinations;
2. Comprehension of today's legal environment through a group project, group discussions, and individual papers;
3. An understanding our legal system, and its relationship to the U. S. environment, through exams, group discussions, and individual Internet/library research papers;
4. A comprehension of the growing importance of global environmental law through exams and individual papers;
5. Application of ethical behavior, as evidenced by group discussion and an individual paper;
6. Through exams, knowledge of legal terminology;
7. Knowledge of U.S. environmental policy through examinations;
8. Comprehension of the various environmental laws through exams, group projects, group discussions, and individual papers;
9. Understanding of general legal principles, as evidenced by examinations, group discussions, and individual projects.
10. Basic understanding of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, CERCLA, RCRA, and other environmental laws.

COURSE POLICIES:

Grading: GRADES WILL NOT BE "CURVED" or rounded. Final grades will be determined by averaging numerical scores according to the following scale:

Letter Grade: A	90 - 100%
B	80 - 89%
C	70 - 79%
D	60 - 69%
F	under 60%

and according to the following weights:

Assignments	10%
Examinations (regular and final are equally weighted)	90%

Class Preparation: Students are expected to attend class prepared for the current day's work. Preparation for class includes, but is not limited to, reading the textbook material and completing all assignments.

Graded Work: NO "make-ups" are allowed. All work not timely completed will receive a zero score. At the time the final grade is determined, the lowest test score will be dropped.

Failure to Drop: Students who stop attending class will receive an "F" in the class if they do not officially drop the class by **Friday, November 10th**.

Other: It is the responsibility of all students to familiarize themselves with the student responsibilities, disciplinary procedures, and the rules and regulations of the college as stated in the Nunez Catalog/Student Handbook, including, but not limited to, the safety, absence, cheating, plagiarism, and Americans with Disabilities Act policies, as well as the academic calendar, **AS THESE ALSO APPLY TO THIS CLASS.**

COURSE SEQUENCE (Tentative)

Orientation

Part I. Tools of the Trade

Ch 1. An Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy

Ch 2. Perspectives on Environmental Law and Policy

Test # 1

Ch 3. The Practice of Environmental Protection

Test # 2

Part V. Environmental Impact Statements

Ch 10. NEPA

Test # 3

Part II. Pollution Law

Ch 6. Regulating Toxic Substances

Test #4

Ch 7. Waste Management

Test # 5

Ch 4. Air Pollution

Ch 5. Water Pollution

Test #6

Cumulative Final Exam