

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW : Spring 2009

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Mondays & Thursdays 3:05-4:30
Room 100B

This three-credit seminar course examines selected topics within the field of international environmental law. The required casebook is David Hunter, James Salzman & Durwood Zaelke, *International Environmental Law & Policy* (3rd edition 2007, Foundation Press).

This three-credit seminar fulfills one of your writing requirements. You must write a thirty-page (including footnotes) paper. With my approval, you may write a paper on a wide range of international environmental issues. On Monday, March 2nd, 2009, you must meet with me and give me a half-page summary of your paper topic. On Monday March 16th or Thursday March 19th, as I assign in class, you must meet with me and give me a two-page outline of your proposed paper topic. On Monday March 30th or Thursday April 2nd, you must meet with me to discuss your progress on the paper. During April, you must “teach” a class and make a presentation lasting approximately 40 minutes, which will count for 25% of your overall grade in the course. I will be out of town on Thursday, April 16th to moderate a conference on standing law. The paper will be due on the first day of examinations, 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2009. For good cause and if your presentation is acceptable, I may grant an extension until the second deferred examination day, noon, on Thursday, May 7th, 2009. All papers must be delivered to me or the Registrar's Office. I reserve the right to take class attendance, preparation, and performance into account in assigning a final grade. I reserve the right to fail any student who has unexcused absences. You may not record or tape my class without my permission. My office hours (Room 425) are as follows: Mondays: 4:30 – 5:00 and Thursdays 4:30 – 5:00. I am available at other times, but please make an appointment.

First Class, Monday, January 12, 2009: Introduction to International Environmental Law. 1-60; Second Class, Thursday January 15th, 61-122

Week Two (No class on Monday January 19th-Martin Luther King Day) January 22nd, History of International Environmental Law, 162-233

Week Three, January 26th International Organizations and Law 234-312 and January 29th: Principles and Concepts of International Environmental Law, 463-537

Week Four, February 2nd Transboundary Air Pollution 538-549, 566-629 & Ozone Destruction & 5th, Global Warming, 630-699

Week Five, February 9th Post Kyoto 700-30; February 12th, American Global Warming Cases (I will assign cases)

Week Six, February 16th & 19th, American Global Warming Cases/Issues (I will assign cases)

Week Seven, February 23rd Global Warming (I will assign materials) & 26th: International Trade and GATT/WTO Pp. 1233-1307

March 2nd, 2009, Class Meeting on Paper Topics

Week Eight/Nine, March 5th NAFTA: Pp 1308-64 & 9th: Alien Tort Statute, Pp. 1415-25 & Mank, Utah article

Week Nine, March 12th, Makeup if behind schedule, Additional topics

March 16 and 19th, Class Meetings on your 2-page outline

Spring Break March 23-27

March 30th and April 2nd, Class meetings on your progress with paper.

Paper Presentations April. Only 2 students may make a presentation on any class day.

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Note: The information contained in this syllabus is subject to change, and you are responsible for all revisions announced in class. The course outline is tentative and topics will be covered as time permits.