

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW : Spring 2013

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Mondays & Wednesdays 1: 30-255
Room 208

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* (4th edition 2011, West/Foundation Press) (ISBN-13: 978-1-59941-538-3)

Special Note: Taking this course satisfies only one of the graduation requirements (seminar or writing). If you take this course and have not yet satisfied the seminar requirement, you will be deemed to have met the seminar requirement. However, if you take this course and you have already met the seminar requirement, you will be deemed to have met the writing requirement. Two, separate courses are required to satisfy both the seminar and writing requirements. No one course satisfies them both.

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 4th, 2013, you must meet with me and give me a half-page summary of your paper topic. On Wednesday March 13th, you must give me a two-page outline of your proposed paper topic and present it in class. On Monday March 25th and Wednesday March 27th, you must meet with me to discuss your progress on the paper. During April or Wednesday May 1st, 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. The paper will be due on the last day of examinations, 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17th, 2013. For good cause and if your presentation is acceptable, I may grant an extension until the third deferred examination day, noon, on Monday, May 20th, 2013. Only with my prior permission may you receive an extension.

All papers must be delivered to me or the Registrar's Office. If you e-mail me your paper, your paper does not count until I make sure that I can open the attachment and e-mail a confirmation to you. 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: & Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00. I am available at other times, but please make an appointment.

First Class, Wednesday, January 23, 2013: Film & Introduction to International Environmental Law. 1-68

Second Class Introduction to International Environmental Law: Root Causes & Economics 68-134

Third Class, History of International Environmental Law, 135-189

Fourth Class International Organizations and Non-State Actors 190-268

Fifth Class: International Environmental Lawmaking 269-280, 285-295, 299-305, 307-357

Sixth Class: Concepts of International Environmental Law, 434-503

Seventh Class Transboundary Air Pollution 504-31 & Ozone Destruction 532-605

Eighth Class Climate Change, 606-672

Ninth Class Climate Change 673-740

Tenth Class American Global Warming Cases/Issues (I will assign cases)

Eleventh Class: International Trade and GATT/WTO 1191-1268

Twelfth Class NAFTA: 1269-1306

Thirteenth Class Human Rights & Alien Tort Statute, 1307-1378

Fourteenth & Fifteenth Classes: Oceans & Seas 741-836

Library Resources Class taught by Jim Hart & Ron Jones

Wednesday March 13th, brief class presentation on your 2-page outline

Spring Break March 18-22

March 25th and March 27th classes Makeup sessions if behind schedule; Class meetings on your progress with paper; Additional topics.

Paper Presentations April and Wednesday May 1st. Only 2 students may make a presentation on any class day. If you want to present early, you probably can volunteer to do so. I will conduct a lottery and assign a date for the students who want to wait until the last available classes in late April and May 1st.

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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.