

Special Topics in Environment

Environment 399

Section: E100

Term: 2012 Spring

Instructor: Dr. David Boyd

Discussion Topics: This course provides a practical and lively introduction to the legal system governing the use and protection of natural resources and the environment in Canada. Students will learn about the creation and evolution of environmental law as well as the major divisions of law that relate to environmental issues (e.g., constitutional law, criminal law, international law, municipal law, Aboriginal rights and title). The course will also examine and critique the substantive law in Canada dealing with specific environmental issues such as pollution, toxic substances, water management, fisheries, forestry, climate change, environmental assessment, and protecting biological diversity. Readings from the textbook will be supplemented by material assigned by the instructor. Students will be expected to read the required materials and participate in class discussions.

Grading: Course requirements and grading:

1. Assignments (30%).
2. Paper (30%).
3. Final examination (40%).

Required Texts: Muldoon, P., A. Lucas, R. Gibson, P. Pickfield and M. Carter-Whitney. 2009. An introduction to environmental law and policy in Canada. Toronto: Emond Montgomery.

Recommended Texts: Boyd, David R. 2003. Unnatural Law: Rethinking Canadian Environmental Law and Policy. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: 45 Units / 2.75 CGPA

Notes:

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