



# COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

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**COURSE NUMBER:** LAW 559:A1

**COURSE NAME:** ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

**PREREQUISITE COURSES:** NONE

**PREREQUISITE FOR:** NONE

**CREDITS:** 3 **HOURS PER TERM:** 3 **TERM:** 1<sup>st</sup> **MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:** 25

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**PROFESSORS:** ELAINE HUGHES

**METHOD OF PRESENTATION:** LECTURE X SEMINAR X OTHER Class Presentations

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## **METHOD OF EVALUATION:**

The **primary** method of evaluation in this course is a paper worth 75% of the Grade.

The remainder of the grade in the course will be made up of:

paper proposal worth 10%

oral presentation and other class participation worth 15%

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The focus of the course will be on current and proposed Canadian legal models and policies designed to control air, land and water pollution.

It will examine the merits and limits of traditional environmental law models -- common law, regulatory statutes, criminal and administrative sanctions, environmental impact assessment -- and (time permitting) the emerging use of alternative approaches, such as economic incentives, environmental bills of rights, and alternative dispute resolution. The course will also assist students to understand the complex jurisdictional issues faced by environmental practitioners in determining the extent to which federal and provincial governments have jurisdiction over particular environmental matters. Specific topics are canvassed in greater depth via student presentations.

International environmental issues are examined in Law 593. Natural resource management issues are examined in Law 552. There is some overlap with the natural resources law course in the areas of jurisdiction and EIA.

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## **\*SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

**EVENING CLASS:**

**SPECIAL ATTENDANCE:**

**OTHER:**

**REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY):** M. Doelle & C. Tollefson, Environmental Law: Cases and Materials (Carswell, 2009) is recommended but not required.