

Course Outline for ENVR 3160 A01
Fall 2019
Environmental Responsibilities and the Law

Department of Environment and Geography
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Resources

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Communication with students is only conducted only through @myumanitoba.ca email accounts.

Lecture: Wednesday 5:30-8:30pm

Lecture Room: 221 Wallace Building

UM-LEARN is the primary online source for updated handouts and outlines, class presentations and other links.

Course Outline:

This course investigates concept of environmental responsibility in relation to environmental law. It looks at the sources of environmental responsibility within Canadian society and the tools available to manage and oversee these obligations. It is intended to provide students with an understanding of environmental responsibilities as they currently exist and where they may be headed. Responsibilities derived from the International and Canadian legal systems and key pieces of legislations are explored. The concepts of environmental liability and due diligence are reviewed in relation to the responsibilities of organizations (government/non-

government), corporations, and individuals. The material is addressed through lectures, case studies, assignments and class discussion.

Course Description:

The issue of environmental responsibility in Canada and globally has been growing in importance and complexity over the past several decades. This course explores the ideas of environmental responsibility and liability at a conceptual level and how these concepts are being applied in Canadian society as well as internationally.

Several key questions will be considered:

- What is environmental responsibility and who defines these?
- What does environmental responsibility mean to society as a whole and how is it being interpreted by government, corporations, non-government organizations, environmental practitioners and others?
- What are the sources of environmental responsibility?
- What forces are influencing environmental responsibility and what is the nature of those forces?
- What tools are available to manage responsibility, how are they being applied, and what are the benefits and limitations of each?

In the process of exploring the concept of environmental responsibility, the course will provide basic awareness of environmental issues, legislation, policies and guidelines, liabilities. Sources of environmental responsibility and liability will be discussed through examples drawn from legislation, standards and guidelines, codes of conduct and policy. Other sources of responsibility such as professional ethics will also be considered. Strategies and mechanisms to manage environmental liabilities such as risk assessment, environmental impact assessment, audits, site assessment, management systems, are also briefly reviewed.

Course Materials:

Required Text Book:

Meinhard Doelle and Chris Tollefson. *Environmental Law: Cases and Materials*. 2nd Edition. Toronto, Ontario: Carswell, 2013.

Various references materials and handouts will be provided from time to time. Students are expected to use libraries, the media, the Internet and other sources to obtain materials for use during the course.

Grading/Evaluation Scheme:

In-class Test -1	30%
In-class Test -2	30%
Final Exam	40%
TOTAL	100%

Expectations:

Full attendance and active participation is recommended. Punctuality is greatly appreciated. Advanced reading, taking notes during class and summarizing notes are strongly recommended. Outside reading on environmental responsibilities and related issues is expected. Use of additional material is encouraged to augment lectures. Environment Canada, Manitoba Conservation, and other websites as well as newspapers, magazines, etc. should be used as sources of current environmental information. Students are expected to raise relevant questions during class and participate during class discussions.

In-Class Tests:

Failure to write scheduled tests without a valid medical certificate (original) or compassionate reason (e.g. death of an immediate family member) will result in a mark of zero on that test. All absences should be informed prior to the test date. The course instructor reserves the right to reschedule a class test, assign an alternate assignment or redistribute the percentage distribution between remaining assignments and or exam for those students who have a valid reason for not writing. In cases where there is a valid medical certificate or compassionate reason, the instructor may prorate the value for the test over the balance of the grades available

Final Grade:

The grading scale used by the Department of Environment and Geography is:

Letter Grade	Percentage out of 100	Grade Point Range	Final Grade Point
A+	90-100	4.25-4.5	4.5
A	80-89	3.75-4.24	4.0
B+	75-79	3.25-3.74	3.5
B	70-74	2.75-3.24	3.0
C+	65-69	2.25-2.74	2.5
C	60-64	2.0-2.24	2.0
D	50-59	Less than 2.0	1.0
F	Less than 50		0

Academic Dishonesty:

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism and cheating and examination impersonation in the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar.

Further details can be found at

http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/academicintegrity/about.html.

Tentative Lecture, Test and Assignment Schedule - ENVR 3160

Lecture	Date	Lecture Topics*	Readings
1	Sept. 4	Introduction to the course. Environmental Responsibilities - Setting the stage. Overview of the International and the Canadian Context.	NA
2	Sept. 11	Legal Parlance Environmental Jurisprudence Federal and Provisional Legislations	Chapter 2 (Doelle & Tollefson)
3	Sept. 18	Common Law and Private Law	Chapter 2 (Doelle & Tollefson)
4	Sept. 25	Environmental Jurisdictions Indigenous Engagements Legal Pluralism	Chapter 3 (Doelle & Tollefson)
5	Oct. 02	Environmental Regulations	Chapter 4 (Doelle & Tollefson)
6	Oct. 09	In-class Test 1 (90 Min) Introduction to International law	Chapter 1 (Doelle & Tollefson)
7	Oct. 16	International Law- Harmonization	Chapter 1 (Doelle & Tollefson)
8	Oct .23	Compliance and Enforcement- Liability and Due Diligence	Chapter 5 (Doelle & Tollefson)
9	Oct. 30	Environmental Assessment Tools supporting EIAs Baseline Assessments, Managing Project Impacts, Significance of Impacts Monitoring	Chapter 7 (Doelle & Tollefson)
10	Nov. 6	In-class Test 2 (90 Min) Protecting the Wild- Responsibility of Conservation	Chapter 8 and 9 (Doelle & Tollefson)
Mid Semester Break – Nov 12 to Nov 15			
Nov 18 -Voluntary Withdrawal from the Course			
11	Nov. 20	Park and Protected Areas- Protecting wildlife	Chapter 8 and 9 (Doelle & Tollefson)
12	Nov. 27	Environmental laws in the global context	Reading materials on UM learn
13	Dec. 6	Wrap Up and Review	
Dec 9-20th Final exam period. Exam is scheduled by the Registrar's Office.			

**Lecture content and schedule subject to change.*

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

If you are a student with a disability, please contact SAS for academic accommodation supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental illness learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation.

Student Accessibility Services

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474 7423 Student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca

Academic Supports:

The University of Manitoba provides many services and supports to encourage good scholarship and overall health and wellness including: instruction to improve writing skills, best use practices for copyrighted materials, and supports for studying for examinations etc., personal health (both mental and physical) including: student advocacy, student counseling and health services, etc. and supports for assaults (both verbal and physical). These are designed to make each student's experience positive, safe and assist in successful completion of courses and programs of study. The University provides and encourages all members and students to maintain a respectful work and learning environment. Policies have been developed regarding threatening behavior, or assaults whether verbal or physical to support victims and discipline offenders. For more information on these see Schedule "A" found at the end of the course syllabus.

Section (a) Academic Supports

Writing and Learning Support:

The Academic Learning Centre (ALC) offers services that may be helpful to you throughout your academic program. Through the ALC, you can meet with a learning specialist to discuss concerns such as time management, learning strategies, and test-taking strategies. The ALC also offers peer supported study groups called Supplemental Instruction (SI) for certain courses that students have typically found difficult. In these study groups, students have opportunities to ask questions, compare notes, discuss content, solve practice problems, and develop new study

strategies in a group-learning format.

You can also meet one-to-one with a writing tutor who can give you feedback at any stage of the writing process, whether you are just beginning to work on a written assignment or already have a draft. If you are interested in meeting with a writing tutor, reserve your appointment two to three days in advance of the time you would like to meet. Also, plan to meet with a writing tutor a few days before your paper is due so that you have time to work with the tutor's feedback.

These Academic Learning Centre services are free for U of M students. For more information, please visit the Academic Learning Centre website at:
<http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/>

You can also contact the Academic Learning Centre by calling 204-480-1481 or by visiting 201 Tier Building.

University of Manitoba Libraries (UML):

As the primary contact for all research needs, your liaison librarian (if they weren't recently fired by Central Administration) can play a vital role when completing academic papers and assignments. Liaisons can answer questions about managing citations, or locating appropriate resources, and will address any other concerns you may have, regarding the research process. Liaisons can be contacted by email or phone, and are also available to meet with you in-person. A complete list of liaison librarians can be found by subject: <http://bit.ly/WcEbA1> or name: <http://bit.ly/1tJ0bB4>

In addition, general library assistance is provided in person at 19 University Libraries, located on both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses, as well as in many Winnipeg hospitals. For a listing of all libraries, please consult the following: <http://bit.ly/1sXe6RA>. When working remotely, students can also receive help online, via the Ask-a-Librarian chat found on the Libraries' homepage: www.umanitoba.ca/libraries.

Section (b) Mental Health

For 24/7 mental health support, contact the Mobile Crisis Service at 204-940-1781.

Student Counseling Centre: Contact SCC if you are concerned about any aspect of your mental health, including anxiety, stress, or depression, or for help with relationships or other life concerns.

SCC offers crisis services as well as individual, couple, and group counseling. Student Counseling Centre: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/> 474 University Centre S207 Medical Services (204) 474-8592

Student Support Case Management: Contact the Student Support Case Management team if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don't know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team. Student Support Intake Assistant <http://umanitoba.ca/student/case-manager/index.html> 520 University Centre (204) 474-7423

University Health Service: Contact UHS for any medical concerns, including mental health problems. UHS offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation. University Health Service <http://umanitoba.ca/student/health/> 104 University Centre, Fort Garry Campus (204) 474-8411 (Business hours or after hours/urgent calls)

Health and Wellness: Contact our Health and Wellness Educator if you are interested in information on a broad range of health topics, including physical and mental health concerns, alcohol and substance use harms, and sexual assault. Health and Wellness Educator <http://umanitoba.ca/student/health-wellness/welcome.html> Katie.Kutryk@umanitoba.ca 469 University Centre (204) 295-9032

Live Well @ U of M: For comprehensive information about the full range of health and wellness resources available on campus, visit the Live Well @ U of M site: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/livewell/index.html>