ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES 6

Introduction to Environmental Law
ES -06

Instructor: Mark Sullivan   4.0 Units

DESCRIPTION
This mediated learning class (self-paced, independent study learning format) is an introduction to the genesis, framework and practice of environmental law. This course will include information regarding the U.S. legal system, pertinent administrative agencies and regulations, environmental policy history, land use law, air and water laws, hazardous materials and hazardous waste laws, energy law, and natural resource law. Students must check out each videotape/DVD at the Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies KC Stewardship Resource Center (SRC).

Students may view the videotapes/DVD at SRC or tapes are available for two day (48 hour) checkout at SRC. PLEASE do not checkout tapes/DVDs if you cannot return them on time! Please respect the other students who are also utilizing these tapes. PLEASE CONTACT our ES Stewardship Resource Center team (SRC), (408) 864-5322 or leave a message with Pat Cornely at (408) 864-8628.

ADVISORIES
Eligibility for EWRT 1A or ESL 5 is advised. A good attitude and a willingness to learn by problem solving are essential to receiving good grades.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:
Office Hours:   Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
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ES Dept Website:   http://environmentalstudies.deanza.fhda.edu/es/

REQUIREMENTS
• Please visit the Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies, SRC to receive instructions for this course including videotape check-out schedule, assignment instructions and other information.
• Schedule an appointment to meet with Stewardship Resource Center team member or Pat Cornely to discuss the class including due dates and assignments
• Tape/DVD check-out will serve as the attendance record.
• View the ten teleclasses.
• Complete all assignments as listed in written assignments section below.
OBJECTIVES
1. Develop a greater awareness of the U.S. legal system.
2. Learn about the history of environmental law and regulation in the U.S.
3. Be able to access information regarding environmental policy, law, and regulation.
4. Develop an understanding of the primary environmental laws and regulations in the United States.
5. Be informed of the current status of environmental law, regulation, and policy.
6. Develop the skills to identify and critically evaluate any proposed or actual environmental policy modifications.

COURSE MATERIALS

MEDIA COMPONENTS AND AVAILABILITY
Ten Introduction to Environmental Law video programs.

Viewing Options for Introduction to Environmental Law (ES 60) video programs:
- View programs at SRC or
- Check out tapes/DVDs from SRC to view overnight at home.
  - ID Card required
  - One tape at a time may be checked out for 48 hours.
  - Return tapes to SRC (please report any videotape technical problems).
  - Late fines: $2.00/day (maximum fine-$25.00); replacement/lost tape charge: $25.00/tape.

STUDY EACH WEEK’S ASSIGNMENT
The course content comes from the teleclasses and textbook readings. You will be tested on information from both the readings and video programs.

Work on the lessons in the following order:
- a. Read the textbook assignment (prior to the next teleclass).
- b. Watch the teleclass lecture.
- c. Complete any required written assignments (see the Assignment Schedule).
- d. Email complete assignments to me at msullivanlegal@gmail.com
- e. Note that there are some differences between the assignments described in the video programs and the assignments due for this course. Be sure to follow this syllabus for assignments and due dates.

SCHEDULE
Please see the Tentative Class Schedule list. Note that the readings are to be read in advance of the viewing the teleclass lecture.

SUGGESTIONS/TEACHING METHODS
This course will cover a large amount of material in a short amount of time. Therefore, it is crucial to view all lectures, take good notes, and complete the readings prior to viewing lectures.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **VIEW ALL LECTURES**

2. **Two exams:** One midterm and one final exam of equal weight will be given. The midterm will include the material covered in the first half of the course (teleclasses 1-5) and the final will include the material covered in the second half of the course (teleclasses 6-10). The final will not be comprehensive. These exams will cover material presented from class, lectures, videos, handouts, homework assignments, etc. Your textbook is to be used as a supplement and guide.

3. **Student paper:** Each student is required to research, write, and submit one 10-12 page paper. The topic of your paper must be submitted to the instructor by the third week of class. The paper must be typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point font. Further information is available on my website to assist you in completing this assignment.

4. **Current events assignments:** Two current events assignments will be required. This will involve reading and summarizing an article pertaining to environmental law in one or more newspaper, periodical, or journal. Further information is provided on my website to assist you in completing these assignments.

5. Submit your completed assignments to me via email at msullivanlegal@gmail.com or to the SRC.

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GRADING CRITERIA:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/POLICIES

General Information

1) Please be prepared to dedicate sufficient time and energy to this course

2) This class is based upon honesty, trust, respect, fairness, and responsibility. I always appreciate your cooperation. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated.

3) This class requires a great deal of self-motivation since there are no intermediate due dates for the assignments. Everything is due by the final day of the quarter. Be aware that the overwhelming majority of successful students begin immediately on their term papers and the current events assignments so that any questions can be dealt with long before the papers are due.

Exams and homework

1) **All exams and homework assignments** are due by December 14th.

2) Homework may be emailed to me at msullivanlegal@gmail.com or turned in to the SRC.

3) **Add/Drop.** See the Policies and Procedures section of the “Schedule of Classes.” It is your responsibility to follow the De Anza College add/drop requirements.

4) **Once again, note that there are some differences between the assignments described in the video programs and the assignments due for this course. Be sure to follow this syllabus for assignments and due dates.**
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- Syllabus, student paper information, oral presentation information, current events assignment information  
- Introduction to the American legal system. | 3-47 |
| Teleclass 2 | The American Legal System  
- Current events in environmental law  
- Formation of environmental laws  
- The U.S. Court system  
- Administrative agencies | 50-84, 88-122 |
| Teleclass 3 | Environmental Law and Policy  
- Environmental economics  
- History of environmental policy in the U.S.  
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)  
- Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 | 127-160 |
| Teleclass 4 | Air Quality Law and Policy  
- Criteria Pollutants  
- Air quality problems  
- The Clean Air Act | 168-211 |
| Teleclass 5 | Water Quality Law and Policy  
- Common water pollutants and problems  
- The Clean Water Act and other water quality laws  
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits  
- Guest Speaker | 217-255 |
| Teleclass 6 | Toxic Substances  
- Toxic substance identification and regulation  
- TSCA, FIFRA, FFDCA, FQPA  
- Toxic Torts | 261-290 |
| Teleclass 7 | Hazardous Waste Issues  
- Hazardous waste identification and regulation  
- RCRA  
- CERCLA | 295-332 |
| Teleclass 8 | Energy  
- Energy crises and conflicts  
- Energy options  
- Current events in U.S. energy policy | 339-378 |
| Teleclass 9 | Natural Resources  
- Public land protection  
- Coastal and wetland protection  
- The Endangered Species Act | 386-418 |
| Teleclass 10 | International Environmental Law  
- Sources of International Law  
- The importance of international environmental law  
- International environmental law sources, examples, and failures | 424-466 |

June 27, 2008: ALL ASSIGNMENTS DUE