

Syllabus for MSMGT 730 Policy, Law and the Ethics of Sustainability

Course Description

The focus of this policy, law, and ethics course is the sustainability of economic development and how the law is used to address emerging national and international environmental challenges. You will learn about the roles of domestic and international environmental enforcement agencies and commissions such as the Department of Interior and the United Nations Environment Programme. The overall goal for the domestic and international agencies combined is to help in building a more just, prosperous, and secure environmental common future by curbing the disastrous effects of the negative use of natural resources.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Examine the common sources of environmental pollution, both domestic and industrial.
- Analyze the effectiveness of different laws, including statutes, common law, and principles of contracts and torts relative to environmental control mechanisms.
- Value the nature, principles, and sources of environmental law at both the national and international levels.
- Evaluate the relationship between people's livelihoods and the environment.
- Critique ways in which environmental agencies are structured and administered.
- Assess the role of business ethics and morality concerning environmental issues and governance.
- Evaluate hazardous waste and its regulation, including mandatory disclosures.
- Defend the present national and international policies in promoting environmental safety and sustainability.

Course Materials

Information on course materials can be found in the [textbook section](#) of the SMGT website.

Course Requirements

Individual Homework

There will be 6 individual homework assignments.

You are expected to provide satisfactory work in each homework assignment. I expect a minimum of 2 pages of analysis for every homework assignment. More is encouraged but not required.

Group Discussions

- There are 5 group discussions in this course.
- To earn the points, your participation must be satisfactory.
- In an initial post, post opinions, experiences, pertinent information from the readings, and relevant examples. A well-done posting should include an analysis of the materials covered in the course. In your analysis, remember to use the IRAC method: raise the issue, provide the rule of law or principle, provide an analysis, and finally draw a conclusion. At least 2 pages are required, but you are encouraged to write more.
- Reply to posts within your group.
- In addition, at least one reply to the other group is required.
- Once your group has finalized the discussion and arrived at a common answer, determine a group leader to summarize your discussion and submit the summary. The group leader should list the group members' names (those who satisfactorily contributed to the discussion) on the assignment. Each group will submit only **one (1) summary**. The summary is the responsibility of the group leader. If no one in your group volunteers to be the group leader, please select one. It is preferred that each group leader handles only one assignment.

Short Paper

You are required to select **one topic** from a list and do research on it. You will write a short paper in which you analyze the relevant legal concepts as they pertain to this course.

Examination

There will be a midcourse examination (but no final examination) in this course. (This being a master's class, my philosophy is that we should spend more time on research and discussions. I consider the short paper very important because it helps you to have more hands-on experience as it relates to the course.)

Grading Policy

Work turned in more than 48 hours after the due date will not be graded, and no points will be awarded for that assignment. Under special circumstances and at the instructor's discretion, some late assignments may be subject to a deduction of 10 points for every 24 hours they are late.

Assignment	Points
Group Discussions	5 x 30 = 150
Individual Homework Assignments	6 x 25 = 150
Midcourse Exam	1 x 100 = 100
Short Paper	1 x 200 = 200
Total	600

For the final grade, the points will be converted to a percentage and a corresponding letter grade will be awarded.

94 to 100%	A
89 to 93%	A-
84 to 88%	B+
79 to 83%	B
74 to 78%	B-
69 to 73%	C+
64 to 68%	C
59 to 63 %	C-
54 to 58%	D+
49 to 53%	D
44 to 48%	D-
0 to 43%	F

All grades will be posted on the course site. Please remember to review your grades to ensure that you are given correct credit for points that you have earned. If you require any clarification regarding a grade, please **contact me within two (2) days from the time the final grades are posted**. If you do not notify me within the 2 days, the grade will stand as it appears.