

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

**NOTE:** This syllabus document contains the basic information about this course. The most current syllabus is available in the course.

## 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 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 the Interior and the United Nations Environment Programme). The overall goal of these agencies is to help build a more just, prosperous, and secure environmental future for us all by curbing the disastrous effects of the negative use of natural resources.

## Prerequisite(s)

None

## Course 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 Requirements/Components

### Individual Homework

There will be 4 individual homework assignments. At least two pages, double-spaced, per assignment are required. Use of case law, where necessary, is encouraged. Citations must be provided in APA format.

### Interview Assignment

For this assignment, you will interview a local official or corporate officer about an issue related to pollution and safety.

### Discussions

Over the course of the semester, your instructor will post two topics for the class to discuss. Your successful participation or leadership in these may be used to replace another assignment subject to approval by your instructor.

### Group Assignment

The group assignment in this course will give you an opportunity to argue a case. It consists of a discussion followed by a written submission of 2 pages (minimum), not including the cover page, double-spaced.

### Short Paper

You are required to select **one topic** from a list and do research on it. You will write a short paper (6 to 10 pages, typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins) in which you identify and explain relevant environmental legal concepts covered in class as they relate to your topic. You are allowed to compare and discuss the paper with your peers, but your final submission **must be your own work**.

### Examinations

There will be a midcourse examination and a final examination in this 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.

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Points</b>
Group Assignment	30
4 Individual Homework Assignments; 25 points each	100
Interview Assignment	20
Midcourse Exam	100
Final Exam	50
Short Paper	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>

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

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