

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 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.

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 4 individual homework assignments.

At least two pages, double-spaced, per assignment are required (for both questions). Use of case law, where necessary, is encouraged. Citations must be provided in APA format.

Group Assignments

The two group assignments in this course will give you an opportunity to "act as a lawyer." In each group assignment, your group will be paired with an opposing group to argue a case.

Once your group has finalized the discussion and arrived at a common answer, the group leader summarizes your discussion and submits the summary.

Short Paper

You are required to select a topic and conduct research on it. On your chosen topic, write an analysis of at least six but no more than 10 pages in which you identify and explain relevant environmental legal concepts that we have 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.

Assignment	Points
Group Assignments	2 x 25 = 50
Individual Homework Assignments	4 x 25 = 100
Midcourse Exam	1 x 100 = 100
Final Exam	1 x 50 = 50

Short Paper	1 x 200 = 200
Total	500

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.