



Master Course Syllabus

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Semester: Spring

Course Prefix: ENVT

Course Title: Environmental Law

Year: 2025

Course and Section #: envt-3280-601

Credits: 3

Course Description

This course discusses various environmental laws and acts including: the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Clean Air Act. Reviews the Toxic Substances Control Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Superfund law, DOT regulations, and OSHA regulations.

Course Attributes

This course has the following attributes:

- General Education Requirements
- Global/Intercultural Graduation Requirements
- Writing Enriched Graduation Requirements
- Discipline Core Requirements in Program
- Elective Core Requirements in Program
- Open Elective

Other: *Click here to enter text.*

Instructor Information

Instructor Name: Dr. Rachel Brown

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to understand and answer qualitative and quantitative questions in the following topics:

- Describe the fundamentals of environmental law, how a Federal or State environmental law is adopted, and how regulations are issued.
 - Understand environmental compliance, enforcement, reporting, and liability.
 - Summarize the environmental regulation process and explain the difference between laws.
 - Describe environmental law enforcement agencies and their roles.
 - Analyze and evaluate current environmental issues and events.
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Course Materials and Texts

1. Laptop with webcam and microphone
2. Internet Access

Course Requirements

Course Assignments, Assessments, and Grading Policy

- 20% DISCUSSION/PARTICIPATION
- 30% ASSIGNMENTS
- 10% QUIZZES
- 20% MID-TERM
- 20% FINAL

Required or Recommended Reading Assignments

eChapter (provided): Instruction to Environmental Management Chapters 1-14

General Description of the Subject Matter of Each Lecture or Discussion

Introduction to Environmental Law
Chapters 1 Fundamentals of Environmental Law & 2 Enforcement & Liability
Chapters 5 Clean Air Act & Chapter 13 Pesticides
Chapters 3 & 4 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Underground Storage Tanks
Chapters 7 & 14 Oil Pollution Act and Pollution Prevention Act
Chapters 9 & 12 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and Toxic Substances Control Act
Chapter 16 Occupational Safety Health Act
Chapter 10 National Environmental Policy Act
Chapter 6 Clean Water Act & Chapter 8 Safe Drinking Water Act
Chapters 15 & 17 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, Environmental Management Systems and Environmental Law
Chapter 11 Climate Change and Environmental Law

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Required Course Syllabus Statements

Generative AI

This course requires students to assess their understanding of environmental issues and the impacts people have on the environment (e.g. sustainable use and management of our natural

resources, pollution control, and protecting our climate). Introduces hydrology, geology, climatology, and engineering and how these fields apply to the social and economic interactions within our daily lives.

Using Remote Testing Software

This course does not use remote testing software.

This course uses remote testing software. Remote test-takers may choose their remote testing locations. Please note, however, that the testing software used for this may conduct a brief scan of remote test-takers' immediate surroundings, may require use of a webcam while taking an exam, may require the microphone be on while taking an exam, or may require other practices to confirm academic honesty. Test-takers therefore shall have no expectation of privacy in their test-taking location during, or immediately preceding, remote testing. If a student strongly objects to using test-taking software, the student should contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester to determine whether alternative testing arrangements are feasible. Alternatives are not guaranteed.

Required University Syllabus Statements

Accommodations/Students with Disabilities

Students needing accommodations due to a permanent or temporary disability, pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions may contact UVU [Accessibility Services](#) at accessibilityservices@uvu.edu or 801-863-8747.

Accessibility Services is located on the Orem Campus in BA 110.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing students requesting ASL interpreters or transcribers can contact Accessibility Services to set up accommodations. Deaf/Hard of Hearing services can be contacted at DHHservices@uvu.edu

DHH is located on the Orem Campus in BA 112.

Academic Integrity

At Utah Valley University, faculty and students operate in an atmosphere of mutual trust. Maintaining an atmosphere of academic integrity allows for free exchange of ideas and enables all members of the community to achieve their highest potential. Our goal is to foster an intellectual atmosphere that produces scholars of integrity and imaginative thought. In all academic work, the ideas and contributions of others must be appropriately acknowledged and UVU students are expected to produce their own original academic work.

Faculty and students share the responsibility of ensuring the honesty and fairness of the intellectual environment at UVU. Students have a responsibility to promote academic integrity at the university by not participating in or facilitating others' participation in any act of academic dishonesty. As members of the academic community, students must become familiar with their [rights and responsibilities](#). In each course, they are responsible for knowing the requirements and restrictions regarding research and writing, assessments, collaborative work, the use of study aids, the appropriateness of assistance, and other issues. Likewise, instructors are responsible to clearly state expectations and model best practices.

Further information on what constitutes academic dishonesty is detailed in [UVU Policy 541: Student Code of Conduct](#).

Equity and Title IX

Utah Valley University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age (40 and over), disability, veteran status, pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy-related conditions, citizenship, genetic information, or other basis protected by applicable law, including Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Part 106, in employment, treatment, admission, access to educational programs and activities, or other University benefits or services. Inquiries about nondiscrimination at UVU may be directed to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights or UVU's Title IX Coordinator at 801-863-7999 – TitleIX@uvu.edu – 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, 84058, Suite BA 203.

Religious Accommodation

UVU values and acknowledges the array of worldviews, faiths, and religions represented in our student body, and as such provides supportive accommodations for students. Religious belief or conscience broadly includes religious, non-religious, theistic, or non-theistic moral or ethical beliefs as well as participation in religious holidays, observances, or activities. Accommodations may include scheduling or due-date modifications or make-up assignments for missed class work.

To seek a religious accommodation, a student must provide written notice to the instructor and the Director of Accessibility Services at accessibilityservices@uvu.edu. If the accommodation relates to a scheduling conflict, the notice should include the date, time, and brief description of the difficulty posed by the conflict. Such requests should be made as soon as the student is aware of the prospective scheduling conflict.

While religious expression is welcome throughout campus, UVU also has a [specially dedicated space](#) for meditation, prayer, reflection, or other forms of religious expression.