Learning Objectives

- Explain the origins and structure of environmental law
- Describe the major legislation enacted by Congress and the State of N.Y. and role of common law to protect the environment
- Apply environmental law as a system to the problems of environment protection and management on Long Island and the metropolitan area

Course Requirements/Grading

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<td>Select a news/media report on an environmental issue, related to an application or absence of an environmental law or enforcement. Describe the report and issue, take and advocate a position-agree/disagree, what is wrong or right, is there a need for change in law or new law, and defend your position.</td>
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<td>Approximately 1500 words cite/footnote sources of information. Include a copy of the news or media report.</td>
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Essay Two

- Part 1: Select a topic from the list presented (or alternative topic as approved) – research/present a change in environment law to address the environmental issue/concern presented by the topic. Describe the topic/issue, what law should be changed or new law enacted, defend the need for the change, present the change or new law proposed and the desired outcome.

- Approximately 3500 words cite/footnote sources of information.

- Part 2: A three-minute oral presentation on your Essay Two

30%

End of Course Discussion

- Same format as Midterm Discussion

10%

Final Exam –

- Cumulative
- Combination of multiple choice, short answers and essays. Opportunity for extra credit essay.

25%

Course Outline.

Class 1

Introduction Chapter 1
Survey of the Course
Origins and Fundamentals of Environmental Law- Part 1
Common Law Role in Environmental Protection

Class 2

Origins and Fundamentals of Environmental Law- Part 2
Administrative Agency Relationships

Class 3

Environmental Quality/Impact Review Chapter 10
National Environmental Policy Act
State Environmental Quality Review Act

Class 4

Water Quality – Part 1
Clean Water Act

Chapters 6, 7
The NPDES/SPDES Program
Oil Pollution Act
NYS Navigation Law

Class 5  Water Quality – Part 2  Chapter 8
         Water Supply
         Safe Drinking Water Act
         Wetlands and Coastal Zones
         First Essay Due

Class 6  Solid and Hazardous Waste Management – Part 1  Chapter 3
         Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
         Solid Waste Disposal Act
         NYS ECL NYCRR Part 36C
         Solid Waste Management Plan

Class 7  Solid and Hazardous Waste Management – Part 2  Chapter 9
         Comprehensive Environmental, Response,
         Compensation and Liability Act/Superfund
         NYS Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites
         Toxic Tort Law

Class 8  Midterm Discussion

Class 9  Air Quality  Chapter 5
         Clean Air Act
         Energy Law
         Hydraulic Fracturing
         Global Climate Change
         SECOND ESSAY DUE

Class 10  Toxic Substances Control Act/Pesticides, Herbicides  Chapter 12, 13
           Insecticides, Fungicides and Rodenticides
           PRESENTATIONS ON ESSAY TWO

Class 11  Emergency Planning Community Right to Know Act  Chapter 15, 16
           Occupational Safety and Health Act
Class 12
Wildlife and Endangered Species
Fisheries Management and Ocean Policy
Open Space Conservation

Class 13
Environmental Enforcement and Liability
Sustainability Planning

Class 14
End of Course Discussion

Final Exam – date to be announced

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