Course Content and Objectives: This course is designed to acquaint students with the regulatory framework that is supposed to protect our environment, as well as providing some of the scientific background necessary for understanding environmental law. The primary focus is upon American law and policy, but relevant comparative international agreements are also acknowledged.

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Reading Assignments: We will read and discuss one chapter per week – in sequential order unless otherwise noted. Be prepared each class to discuss the chapter and the “Questions for Review and Discussion” section at the end of each chapter.

Grades: Grades will be determined by three factors: 1/3 of your final grade will be class participation – your ability to articulately discuss the chapter and questions, 1/3 of your final grade will be a midterm – some objective questions and some essay question test, and the final 1/3 will be your take-home final exam – a five to six page term paper.

Attendance: Attendance is expected and critical to your success in this class. Since 1/3 of your final grade depends on class participation, it will be impossible to succeed without diligent attendance.

Exams: As noted above, there will be a mid-term test and a take-home final, accounting together for 2/3 of your overall grade.

Extra Credit: Those wishing to submit extra credit assignments, such as a brief essay on a current political/legal event, may do so after conferring with the instructor and getting his agreement in advance.

Academic Honesty Policy: Please see the Student Handbook. This policy will be enforced without exception.