

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2023-24 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)¹

COURSE	LAW 329 Environmental Law
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTORS	Chris Tollefson
TERM OFFERED	Fall 2023
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITE	None

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This is a foundational course that surveys key issues in Canadian environmental law and policy. It will be of interest to students contemplating public, private or NGO sector careers that address environmental or natural resources law and policy issues. It will also appeal to students with an interest in public law and in the interplay between law and public policy.

LAW 329 combines lectures with regularly scheduled capstone, in-class exercises in which students moot leading cases or present to mock legislative committees on issues of contemporary relevance. These moots and presentations will be evaluated, and presided over by the instructor and an invited practitioner. Some students will need to write a paper in lieu of doing a moot/presentation depending on the availability of mooting opportunities.

The course book is Doelle and Tollefson [*Environmental Law: Cases and Materials*](#) (Carswell: 4th edition, 2023). Additional materials will be provided from time to time on Brightspace.

The overarching focus of the course will be on federal law, practice and policy. It will also feature interdisciplinary, Indigenous and public interest perspectives and comparative content, primarily from the U.S. and other Commonwealth jurisdictions.

Students will gain a familiarity with a wide range of topics including:

- The Common Law and environmental protection
- Jurisdiction over the Environment
- Environmental Regulation
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Judicial Review of Environmental Decision-making
- Federal Environmental Assessment
- Parks and Protected Areas
- Species Protection
- Climate Change Policy and Litigation

Our sessions will be interactive. They will regularly draw on new and emerging issues and cases.

COURSE METHODOLOGY

Lectures, Guest Lectures, Class discussion, Student Moots & Presentations

COURSE EVALUATION

Class Presentation or Paper	25%
Final Exam	75%

June 2023

¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, Law Student Services (law.studentservices@uvic.ca).