

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
SPRING 2024 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)¹

COURSE	LAW 343-A02 Indigenous Legal Orders and Ecological Governance
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units
INSTRUCTOR	Darcy Lindberg
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2024
CLASS TIMES	Tuesday, Thursday 1:30 PM – 2:50 PM
PREREQUISITES / COREQUISITES	None

Description

This course examines ecological governance within Indigenous territories through Indigenous laws, including the individual and collective responsibilities towards lands and waters placed upon Indigenous citizenries through their respective legal orders. It takes a trans-systemic approach, with Cree law and governance centering the course, with support from other respective Indigenous legal traditions as well as Canada's environmental frameworks. It also necessarily explores the interaction of Indigenous environmental laws with Canadian-state law. This course will engage in questions of Indigenous environmental justice, co-management agreements, Aboriginal rights and title, gender and Indigenous laws, treaties, and the impact of Crown regulatory frameworks on Indigenous ecological governance.

Course Objectives/Outcomes:

- Engagement with ecologies of Indigenous territories and the legal relationships within them, including with lands, waters, flora and fauna.
- Identification and evaluation of the intellectual and practical challenges of the maintenance and reclamation of ecological governance through Indigenous legal orders.
- Identification of Indigenous legal theory and methods of engagement with Indigenous legal orders.
- An understanding of critical questions about environmental management within Canada and Indigenous laws within this management.

Course Evaluation:

Seminar engagement and student-led discussions – 30%

Special Topic Presentation – 20%

Final Research Paper/Project – 50%

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