**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

This is an overview course that surveys key issues in Canadian environmental law, broadly defined. The course book is Doelle and Tollefson (Carswell: 2nd edition). The course book will be updated using material posted to Course Spaces. My goal is for our sessions to be interactive and draw on new and emerging issues and cases. There will be opportunities for students to moot and present on the material at various points in the course.

1. To gain an appreciation of the social, political and economic context of environmental law, policy, and enforcement.
2. To consider the challenges of environmental law making and regulation within the Canadian federation, including First Nations issues and the role of local governments.
3. To understand the scope and limitations of common law actions and remedies in the environmental context.
4. To gain a basic familiarity with environmental regulation and law making at the federal and provincial levels including standard-setting, the emerging debate with respect to “smart regulation” and related issues of public participation, enforcement, judicial review and standing.
5. To evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of these models within a broader socio-political context, and consider possibilities for reform.
6. To consider the role of the criminal law in environmental regulatory enforcement including private prosecutions.
7. To acquire an understanding of the environmental assessment process and emerging critiques.
8. To consider selected approaches to, and issues in, species protection.
9. To become familiar with emerging environmental law and policy issues including climate change mitigation and adaptation and access to justice.

**COURSE METHODOLOGY**

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

**COURSE EVALUATION**

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