OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Understanding the basic principles of hydrology and how they influence water law;
- Examining the five systems of water law in Canada: indigenous water law, aboriginal rights and title, northern, riparian, and prior allocation;
- Reviewing the importance of water for economic, social and environmental sustainability, and how water law responds to those objectives in light of the major water use sectors in Canada;
- Reviewing provincial and municipal regulation of water;
- Applying principles of water law to a variety of current issues, including agriculture, energy development, rainwater management, groundwater, green buildings and water quality/drinking water.
- Developing writing and presentation skills; and
- Becoming familiar with a range of water law issues, actors, and strategies for using the legal system to pursue water sustainability goals.

METHODOLOGY

The teaching methodology will consist of class discussion, field trips, guest presentations, student presentations, lectures, and class exercises.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The final grade for this course will be based on a take-home memo assignment (50% of the grade), class presentation (pass/fail), and a final research project (50% of the grade).

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