

# Syllabus for MSMGT 730 Policy, Law and the Ethics of Sustainability

**NOTE:** This syllabus document contains the basic information about this course. The most current syllabus is available in the course.

## Course Description

The focus of this policy, law, and ethics course is the sustainability of economic development and how the law is used to address national and international environmental challenges. You will learn about the roles of domestic and international environmental enforcement agencies and commissions (such as the Department of the Interior and the United Nations Environment Programme). The overall goal of these agencies is to help build a more just, prosperous, and secure environmental future for us all by curbing the disastrous effects of the negative use of natural resources.

## Prerequisite(s)

None

## Course Outcomes

- Examine the common sources of environmental pollution, both domestic and industrial.
- Analyze the effectiveness of different laws, including statutes, common law, and principles of contracts and torts relative to environmental control mechanisms.
- Value the nature, principles, and sources of environmental law at both the national and international levels.
- Evaluate the relationship between people's livelihoods and the environment.
- Critique ways in which environmental agencies are structured and administered.
- Assess the role of business ethics and morality concerning environmental issues and governance.
- Evaluate hazardous waste and its regulation, including mandatory disclosures.
- Defend the present national and international policies in promoting environmental safety and sustainability.

## Course Requirements/Components

### Individual Homework

There will be four individual homework assignments. Each homework assignment is required to be at least two pages, but no more than four pages, double-spaced. Use of case law, where necessary, is encouraged. Citations must be provided in APA format.

Out of the total 25 possible points for each homework assignment, 3 points will be accounted for style, so be sure to review and edit your work. It should be relatively free of grammatical errors and typos, well-organized, and coherent.

### Discussions

There are four discussion assignments spread throughout the course. Each student will have to lead two of the four discussions.

### Interview Assignment

For this assignment, you will interview a local official or corporate officer about an issue related to pollution and safety. It requires submission of a plan for the interview and a written summary of the interview.

### Final Paper

You are required to select **one topic** from a list and do research on it. You will write a short paper (8 to 10 pages, not including title page and bibliography, typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins) in which you identify and explain relevant environmental legal concepts covered in class as they relate to your topic. You are allowed to compare and discuss the paper with your peers, but your final submission **must be your own work**.

Out of the total 200 possible points, 20 points will be accounted for style, so be sure to review and edit your work. It should be relatively free of grammatical errors and typos, well-organized, and coherent.

## Grading Policy

Work turned in more than 48 hours after the due date will **not** be graded, and no points will be awarded for that assignment. Under special circumstances and at the instructor's discretion, some late assignments may be subject to a deduction of 10 points for every 24 hours they are late.

| Assignment   | Points     |
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| 4 Discussions; 25 points for leading (2) and 10 points for participating (2) | 70         |
| 4 Individual Homework Assignments; 25 points each                            | 100        |
| Interview Assignment   | 80         |
| Final Paper  | 200        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>450</b> |

For the final grade, the points will be converted to a percentage and a corresponding letter grade.

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| 94 to 100% | A  |
| 89 to 93%  | A- |
| 84 to 88%  | B+ |
| 79 to 83%  | B  |
| 74 to 78%  | B- |
| 69 to 73%  | C+ |
| 64 to 68%  | C  |
| 59 to 63 % | C- |
| 54 to 58%  | D+ |
| 49 to 53%  | D  |
| 44 to 48%  | D- |
| 0 to 43%   | F  |

All grades will be posted in the course. Please remember to review your grades to ensure that you are given correct credit for points that you have earned. If you require any clarification regarding a grade, please **contact your instructor within two (2) days from the time the grades are posted**. If you do not notify me within the 2 days, the grade will stand as it appears.