

Course Syllabus – Fall 2023
Environmental Responsibilities and the Law- ENVR 3160
Department of Environment and Geography
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Thursday: 10:00 – 12:00 PM
(or by appointment)

Room: 221, Wallace

Time : Wednesday 5:30-8:30 pm

Course Dates: Sep 06, 2023 - Dec 11, 2023

**Final Voluntary
Withdrawal Date:** Nov. 21st, 2023

Required Course Materials:

Textbook:

AN INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY IN CANADA, 3RD EDITION Authors
: Paul Muldoon, Alastair R. Lucas, Robert Gibson, Peter Pickfield, Julie Williams

Publisher: Emond Publishing

While this will be the main text followed for this course. Other readings will be added as the course progress.

Course Description

This course investigates concept of environmental responsibility in relation to the environmental laws. It looks at the sources of that environmental responsibility within Canadian society and the tools available to manage it. It is intended to provide students with an understanding of environmental responsibilities within present context. Responsibilities derived from the International and Canadian legal systems and key pieces of legislations are explored. The concepts of environmental liability and due diligence are reviewed in relation to the responsibilities of organizations (government/non- government), corporations, and individuals. The topic is investigated through lectures, case studies, assignments and class discussion.

Detailed Course Description

The issue of environmental responsibility and law has been growing in importance and complexity over the past decade. This course explores the ideas of environmental responsibility and liability at a conceptual and legal level and how these concepts are being applied in Canadian society as well as internationally.

Several questions are considered:

- What are the basic contours of environmental law in Canada?
- How does environmental law become the source of environmental responsibility?
- What are the forces influencing environmental laws and what is the nature of those forces?
- What tools are available to manage environmental responsibility, how are they being applied, and what are the benefits and limitations of each?

In the process of exploring these questions, the course will provide basic awareness of environmental issues, legislation, policies and guidelines, liabilities. Sources of environmental responsibility and liability will be discussed through examples drawn from legislation, standards and guidelines, codes of conduct and policy. Other sources of responsibility such as professional ethics will also be considered.

Method of Evaluation

Students are evaluated based on two written assignments, a midterm and a final exam. The following table provides a detailed breakdown of the assessment tool and grade allocation breakdown:

Due Date	Assessment Tool	Value of Final Grade
06 th Oct 2023	Written Assignment -1	25%
25 th Oct 2023	Mid Semester exam	25 %
10 th Nov 2023	Written Assignment- 2	25%
TBA	Final written Exam	25%

The Grade distribution for this course is as follows:

A+: 90% or above (Exceptional)

A: 80 - 89% (Excellent)

B+: 75 - 79% (Very Good)

B: 70 - 74% (Good)

C+: 65 - 69% (Satisfactory)

C: 60 - 64% (Adequate)

D: 50 - 59% (Marginal)

F: ≤ 49% (Failure)

Note: The course instructor reserves the right to reschedule a mid- test, assign an alternate assignment or redistribute the percentage distribution between remaining assignments and or exam for those students who have a valid reason for not writing. In cases where there is a valid medical certificate or compassionate reason, the instructor may prorate the value for the test over the balance of the grades available.

Assessments:

Written Assignments.

There will be two written assignments each constituting a total of 50 % of the grades (25 % each). The details of this assignment can be found on UM learn.

Mid term and Final Exams.

The course will have a closed book written midterm and final exam. The midterm exam would be on the 25th Oct 2023 during class hours (5:30 to 8:30 pm). The final exam date and time would be announced by the Registrar's Office. The midterm exam would constitute 25 percentage of the total grade and the final exam would constitute 25 percentage of the total grade. The chapters for the mid-semester and final exam would be posted on UM learn.

Late Assignment and Presentation Absence Policy

Should a student not submit their assignments/poster on time or is not present during the midterm/final exam, as indicated within this syllabus, they will receive a zero. In accordance with the University of Manitoba Policy for Assignments, Reports, Tests, and Presentations submitted without permission of the instructor and supporting documentation (e.g. medical certificate) or reasons provided, acquired PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE, will result in a grade of "F".

ENVR 3160 COURSE APPROACH AND POLICIES

Course Delivery:

- Course material will be delivered primarily through lectures, videos, in class discussion and corresponding textbook readings.
- Students are expected to be in class during the scheduled class times.
- All communication will be via U of M email and the UM Learn Announcement Tool and students are required to check these daily.
- Students are **NOT** permitted to partially or entirely photograph, audio, or video record lectures, unless they have obtained prior permission from the instructor.
- Online Classes: this course is designed to be an in-person course. While all efforts will be taken to conduct in- person classes, in case of an unforeseen circumstance (example: inclement weather/ instructor falling sick) some classes might be shifted online. Students will be informed of any such changes.

Communicating with your Instructor:

- **Effective September 1, 2013**, the U of M will only use your university email account for official communications, including messages from your instructors, department or faculty, academic advisors, and other administrative offices. http://umanitoba.ca/registrar/email_policy/
- All communications must be professional and courteous.
- **E-mails** must include:
 - The subject heading (**ENVR 3160**, your full name and student number)
 - Come from a University of Manitoba Account (. . . @myumanitoba.ca).
 - Emails that do not conform to the above will not be returned.
 - Emails requesting information that is found in the course syllabus, or information discussed in class, will not be returned.
- Allow at least **48 hours** for response (weekdays only).

Policy on Respectful Work and Learning Environment (RWLE):

- Each individual has the right to participate, learn, and work in an environment that promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices.
- **RWLE [2016], Section 2.2** The University wishes to promote and support a community which embraces diversity and inclusion, provides for equality of opportunity, and recognizes the dignity of all people.
- **RWLE [2016], Section 2.3** Members of the University Community, including every student and employee, are entitled to a respectful work and learning environment that is:
 - (a) Free from Discrimination and provides for Reasonable Accommodation;
 - (b) Free from Harassment; and
 - (c) Collegial and conducive to early resolution of conflict between members of the University Community.
- **Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy:** <http://bit.ly/2b63HQO>
- **Student Discipline Bylaw:**<http://bit.ly/2b3RL3p>

Inappropriate and Disruptive Student Behaviour:

- Inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with the learning of other students, or the instructor's ability to teach will not be tolerated. Such behaviors would include but would not be limited to the following:
 - (a) threats to the physical safety of the individuals or others;
 - (b) verbal threats to or abuse of students or University personnel;
 - (c) recurring and willful damage of University property;
 - (d) inappropriate or disruptive behaviour as a result of misuse of drugs or alcohol on University property; and
 - (e) actions which habitually interfere with the learning environment or requires the inordinate time and attention of faculty and staff.
- Other disruptive activities include (but are not limited to) the use of cell phones in class, texting in class, wearing headphones, talking during lecture, using technology such as computers, tablets, and mobile devices to view material that is not related to the class.
- **Inappropriate or Disruptive Student Behaviour Policy:**<http://bit.ly/2iRbHKU>
- **Student Discipline Bylaw:**<http://bit.ly/2b3RL3p>

Academic Integrity:

- Students are responsible for ensuring they understand the University of Manitoba's policy on Academic Integrity (plagiarism, cheating, and examination impersonation). These policies are available in the University Catalog 2018-2019, General Academic Regulations <http://bit.ly/2Dz50DX>
- The penalties for plagiarism and cheating are severe and range from receiving a grade of zero on an assignment, to academic suspension. **For more information on Cheating, Plagiarism, and Fraud:** <http://bit.ly/2b63fBP>&<http://bit.ly/2b63ywR>
- ***All work is to be completed independently unless otherwise specified.***
- No notes, books, or electronic devices are permitted in the midterm tests or final exam whether accessed or otherwise.

Student Accessibility Services:

- Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact Student Accessibility Services to facilitate the implementation of accommodations.
 Student Accessibility Services
 520 University Centre (Main Office), 155 University Centre (SAS Exam Centre)
 University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2 Canada

Phone: 204-474-7423 Fax: 204-474-7567 TTY: 204-474-9790

Website: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/>

Email: student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca

- Students are encouraged to make an appointment with the instructor to discuss the accommodations recommended by Student Accessibility Services.
- **The University of Manitoba Accessibly Policy** :<http://bit.ly/2bcrP6i>

Tentative Lecture Outline

(Subject to Change)

Topic	Corresponding Textbook Chapter	Dates
Introduction		Sep 06 th 2023
The Legal Framework		
Environmental Law and its Evolution in Canada	Chapter 1	Sep 13 th 2023
The Canadian Legal Framework	Chapter 2	Sep 20 nd 2023
Canadian and International laws; Library resources for Legal material- Matthew Renaud- E.K. Williams Law Library, University of Manitoba	Chapter 4	Sep 27 th 2023
Review and discussion on Assignment-1		Oct 4 th 2023
The Environmental law and Indigenous peoples. Indigenous peoples, law and jurisdiction, Indigenous water governance Guest lecture by Dr. Nicole J Wilson	Chapter 3	Oct 11 th 2023
Environmental Protection Regimes	Chapter 5	Oct 18 th 2023
Regulatory Regimes		
Mid Term Exam		Oct 25 th 2023
Sectoral Regulatory Regimes, Environmental Assessment	Chapter 6,7	Nov 1 st 2023
Parks and Protected areas	Additional readings	Nov 08 th 2023
Using the Law		
Courts to protect the Environment	Chapter 10	Nov 22 nd 2023
Using administrative decision –making process	Chapter 11,12	Nov 29 th 2023
Wrap up and review		Dec 06 th 2023

Schedule “A”

Schedule “A” is the new requirement passed by the University of Manitoba Senate in 2016 that requires that a mandated list of supports for services plus contact information is provided to students. *While this information is important and useful, should you require advice and support, the instructor is happy to meet with you and discuss issues and concerns*

Student Resources

Writing and Study Skills Support

The Academic Learning

Centre (ALC) offers services that may be helpful to you as you fulfill the requirements for this course.

Through the ALC, you may meet with a study skills specialist to discuss concerns such as time management, reading and note-taking strategies, and test-taking strategies. You may also meet one-on-one with a writing tutor who can give you feedback at any stage of the writing process, whether you are just beginning to work on a written assignment or already have a draft. Writing tutors can also give you feedback if you submit a draft of your paper online. (Please note that the online tutors require 48 hours, from Mondays to Fridays, to return your paper with comments.)

All Academic Learning Centre services are free for UofM students. For more information, please visit the Academic Learning Centre website at: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/>

You can also talk to a member of the Academic Learning staff by calling 480-1481 or by dropping in at 201 Tier Building.

University of Manitoba Libraries (UML)

As the primary contact for all research needs, your liaison librarian can play a vital role when completing academic papers and assignments. Liaisons can answer questions about managing citations, or locating appropriate resources, and will address any other concerns you may have, regarding the research process. Liaisons can be contacted by email or phone, and are also available to meet with you in-person. A complete list of liaison librarians can be found by subject: <http://bit.ly/WcEbA1> or name: <http://bit.ly/1tJ0bB4>. In addition, general library assistance is provided in person at 19 University Libraries, located on both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses, as well as in many Winnipeg hospitals. For a listing of all libraries, please consult the following: <http://bit.ly/1sXe6RA>. When working remotely, students can also receive help online, via the Ask-a-Librarian chat found on the Libraries' homepage: www.umanitoba.ca/libraries.

The English Language Centre has workshop and programs in advanced academic and health-sciences English (located at 520, University Centre).

Homepage: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/staffdir/elc.html>

Student Accessibility Services

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) provides support and advocacy for students with disabilities of all kinds: hearing, learning, injury-related, mental health, medical, physical or visual. Students with temporary disabilities such as sprains and breaks are also eligible to use our services. SAS acts as a liaison between students and the faculty and staff of the University of Manitoba as well as support agencies within the province of Manitoba. Please phone: 474-6213 (voice) or 474-9690 (TTY) for service. For more information, please visit the Student Accessibility website at:

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/>

Mental Health

For 24/7 mental health support, contact the Mobile Crisis Service at 204-940-1781.

Student Counselling Centre (SCC)

Contact SCC if you are concerned about any aspect of your mental health, including anxiety, stress, or depression, or for help with relationships or other life concerns. SCC offers crisis services as well as individual, couple, and group counselling. Student Counselling Centre:

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/index.html>

474 University Centre or S207 Medical Services (204) 474-8592

On-Campus and Community Crisis Services

A list of on-campus and community crisis services with phone numbers.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/crisis-community-resources.html>

Student Support Case Management (SSCM)

Contact the Student Support Case Management team if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don't know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team. Student Support Intake Assistant <http://umanitoba.ca/student/case-manager/index.html>

520 University Centre (204) 474-7423

University Health Service

Contact UHS for any medical concerns, including mental health problems. UHS offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation. University Health Service

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/health/>

104 University Centre, Fort Garry Campus (204) 474-8411 (Business hours or after hours/urgent calls)

Health and Wellness

Contact our Health and Wellness Educator if you are interested in information on a broad range of health topics, including physical and mental health concerns, alcohol and substance use harms, and sexual assault.

Health and Wellness Educator <http://umanitoba.ca/student/health-wellness/welcome.html>

Katie.Kutryk@umanitoba.ca

469 University Centre (204) 295-9032

Live Well @ UofM

For comprehensive information about the full range of health and wellness resources available on campus, visit the Live Well @ UofM site: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/livewell/index.html>

Copyright

All students are required to respect copyright as per Canada's Copyright Act. Staff and students play a key role in the University's copyright compliance as we balance user rights for educational purposes with the rights of content creators from around the world. The Copyright Office provides copyright resources and support for all members of the University of Manitoba community.

Visit <http://umanitoba.ca/copyright> for more information.

University and Unit Policies, Procedures, and Supplemental Information (Available On-Line)

Your rights and responsibilities

- As a student of the University of Manitoba you have rights and responsibilities. It is important for you to know what you can expect from the University as a student and to understand what the University expects from you. Become familiar with the policies and procedures of the University and the regulations that are specific to your faculty, college or school.

The Academic Calendar

- <http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/academiccalendar.html> is one important source of information.
- View the sections University Policies and Procedures and General Academic Regulations. While all of the information contained in these two sections is important, the following information is highlighted.
- If you have questions about your grades, talk to your instructor. There is a process for term work and final grade appeals. Note that you have the right to access your final examination scripts. See the Registrar's Office website for more information including appeal deadline dates and the appeal form <http://umanitoba.ca/registrar/>
- You are expected to view the General Academic Regulation section within the Academic Calendar and specifically read the Academic Integrity regulation. Consult the course syllabus or ask your instructor for additional information about demonstrating academic integrity in your academic work. Visit the Academic Integrity Site for tools and support <http://umanitoba.ca/academicintegrity/> View the Student Academic Misconduct procedure for more information.

Sexual Assault

- If you experience Sexual Assault or know a member of the University community who has, it is important to know there is a policy that provides information about the supports available to those who disclose and outlines a process for reporting.
 - The Sexual Assault policy may be found at: http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html
 - More information and resources can be found by reviewing the Sexual Assault site <http://umanitoba.ca/student/sexual-assault/>

Academic Programs and Regulations

- For information on regulations that are specific to your academic program, read the section in the Academic Calendar and on the respective faculty/college/school web site <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/>
- Contact an Academic Advisor within our faculty/college or school for questions about your academic program and regulations <http://umanitoba.ca/academic-advisors/>

Student Advocacy

- Contact Student Advocacy if you want to know more about your rights and responsibilities as a student, have questions about policies and procedures, and/or want support in dealing with academic or discipline concerns.
<http://umanitoba.ca/student/advocacy/>
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student_advocacy@umanitoba.ca