Instructor: Jamie Simpson; Email: jamie@juniperlaw.ca

Teaching Assistant: Buky Adebambo

Lectures: 8:35 – 9:55am Tuesdays and Thursdays

Location: Studley LSC-COMMON AREA C332

Tutorials: N/A

Course website: TBA

Office: Rm 805, LSC; Office hours: 10:00-11:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays

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Course Description
Our class will explore law as part of the fabric of society, including private and public law, sources of law, the rule of law, the relationship between the courts and government, environmental rights, and the role of the Constitution. We will examine the application of law to environmental issues at the federal and provincial level, including, among others, species-at-risk; ground, water and air pollution; natural resources; and protected areas. Classes will be part lecture and part class discussion.

CREDIT HOURS: 3; FORMAT: Lecture; LECTURE HOURS PER WEEK: 3

Course Prerequisites
Must be a third-year student.

Course Objectives & Learning Outcomes
Students will complete the course with an understanding of (a) law as a fundamental part of society, (b) the role of different levels of government in environmental issues, (c) the key elements of the array of legal avenues to address environmental issues, (d) enforcement of and compliance with environmental regulation, and (e) the intersection of environmental law and First Nation issues.

Required Course Materials
Suggested Additional Course Materials (not required, but helpful for some assignments)
Silver Donald Cameron, *Warrior Lawyers*, Paper Tiger Enterprises, Ltd., Halifax, NS.

**Course Assessment**

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**Other Course Requirements**

None.

Conversion of numerical grades to Final Letter Grades follows the Dalhousie Common Grade Scale:

- A+ (90-100)
- B+ (77-79)
- C+ (65-69)
- D (50-54)
- A (85-89)
- B (73-76)
- C (60-64)
- F (<50)
- A- (80-84)
- B- (70-72)
- C- (55-59)

**Course Content (Readings will be assigned at a later date)**

List of lecture topics

- September 5 & 7: An Introduction to Environmental Law and Environmental Rights: The Romance, the Reality & Some Contaminated Drinking Water
- September 12 & 14: An Unreasonably Brief and Overly Broad Survey of Sources of Law, Branches of Law, Courts, and Government Powers
- September 19 & 21: For Life and Liberty (and Security of the Person): Our Constitution and Our Charter
- September 26 & 28: The (Un)Common Law in Environmental Issues
- October 3: Guest Lecture (TBA)  CHANGE: TO COURT!
October 5: A Trip to the Field (Details TBA)

October 10 & 12: A Thrilling Review of Administrative Law (and catch-up if needed)

October 17 & 19: Judicial Review: Courts, Governments and their Delicate Dance

October 24 & 26: A Role of Municipalities?

October 31: Environmental Assessments: Rubber Stamping or Progressive Regulating?

November 2: Mid-term Quiz

November 7 & 9: Fall Break!

November 14: High Stakes Law: Species at Risk

November 16: Guest Speaker (TBA)

November 21 & 23: Class Exercise (TBA)

November 28 & 30: Enforcement of and Compliance with Environmental Regulation

December 5: Last Class: Exam Review

Final Exam: Date to be announced

Course Policies

Assignments submitted late or unaccompanied by a doctor’s note will be penalized 20% per day. The only exception to this policy is if the delay is justified by a doctor’s note or another extenuating circumstance beyond the control of the student which is brought to the instructor’s attention as soon as possible by the student.

Plagiarism, in addition to being morally reprehensible, will result in a mark of 0 for that assignment. Please note, a sample of written assignments will be audited with plagiarism software.

Recording of class lectures will only be permitted with the consent of the class.

ACCOMMODATION POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Students may request accommodation as a result of barriers related to disability, religious obligation, or any characteristic protected under Canadian Human Rights legislation. Student Accommodation Policy: http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/student_services/academic-support/accessibility.html

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Policy on Intellectual Honesty and Faculty Discipline Process:
https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity.html

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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The following campus services are available to all Dalhousie students. Unless noted otherwise, the services are free.

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| Studying for Success (SFS) | Help to develop essential study skills through small group workshops or one-on-one coaching sessions  
Match to a tutor for help in course-specific content (for a reasonable fee) | Killam Library  
3rd floor  
Coordinator  
Rm 3104  
Study Coaches  
Rm 3103 | To make an appointment:  
- Visit main office (Killam Library main floor, Rm G28)  
- Call (902) 494-3077  
- e-mail Coordinator at: sfs@dal.ca or  
- Drop in to see us during posted office hours  
All information can be found on our website: www.dal.ca/sfs |
| Writing Centre | Meet with a tutor to discuss writing assignments (lab report, research paper, thesis, poster)  
- Learn to integrate source material into your own work appropriately  
- Learn about disciplinary writing from a peer or staff member in your field | Killam Library  
Ground floor  
Learning Commons &  
Rm G25 | To make an appointment:  
- Visit the Writing Centre in the Killam Learning Commons (Rm G40) and book an appointment  
- Call (902) 494-1963  
- e-mail writingcentre@dal.ca  
- Book online through MyDal  
We are open six days a week  
See our website: writingcentre.dal.ca |