

**Course Syllabus:**  
**ENVS 4302 - VC01: Environmental Laws & Regulations**  
**School of Mathematics and Sciences**  
**Spring 2014**

**WAYLAND MISSION STATEMENT:** Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success and service to God and humankind.

**COURSE NAME:** ENVS 4302 – Environmental Laws & Regulations

**TERM:** Spring, 2014

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**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** Survey of Clean Air Act; Clean Water Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; and other relevant laws and regulations dealing with air and water quality and pollution effects.

**PREREQUISITE:** ENVS 3301 or school approval.

**TEXTBOOK:** Kubasek, N.K., and G.S. Silverman. 2011. *Environmental Law, 8<sup>th</sup> edition*. Pearson - Prentice Hall, New York. ISBN – 978-0-13-608883-7

**OUTCOME COMPETENCIES:**

Upon completion of this course, students will understand the following:

1. How public policy affects environmental regulations
2. How environmental regulations are formulated, structured, and implemented
3. How air and water quality are regulated
4. How wastes are regulated
5. How polluted sites are cleaned up

**ATTENDANCE - PARTICIPATION POLICY:**

There will be weekly assignments including on-line quizzes, discussion assignments, essays or reports, on-line exams, and/or proctored exams. Per university policy, active attendance/participation in this course requires that students complete one or more of the assignments posted each week. Unless prior approval is acquired, the instructor is not required to postpone posted deadlines for any assignment, quiz, or exam and may assign a grade of zero to assignments, quizzes or exams not completed by the posted deadline.

**DISABILITY STATEMENT:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291- 3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations. Students should inform the instructor of existing disabilities the first class meeting.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Students will be evaluated by on-line quizzes and exams; individually assigned projects, written reports and presentations using various media tools (e.g. digital photography and video); and class participation. Students are expected to access the course Black Board site at least every other day and respond to posted assignments, discussion boards, blogs, or other learning tools in a timely fashion.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

Examinations over lecture material will be weighted to account for 60% of the student's final grade; individual projects, written papers and assignments for 30%; and class participation for 10%. Quizzes, lecture exams, and proctored midterm and final exams will constitute the examination requirement. The individual project, written papers and assignments requirement will include a project in which the student will monitor some aspect of environmental law or regulation development; produce a major research paper; and/or respond to short research and writing assignments as appropriate. Class participation will be assessed through participation in blogs, journals, or other writing assignments as appropriate.

Final Course Grade: Final grade will be based on proportion of points earned relative to total points available following the University Grading System: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=below 60.

**TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE:** Changes to this outline will be announced on Black Board. Some items in this outline may be abbreviated or dropped from the course depending on time limitations.

- I. Introduction - administrative law and alternative public policy approaches
- II. National Environmental Policy Act
- III. Clean Air Act
- IV. Clean Water Act
- V. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
- VI. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Conservation, and Liability Act
- VII. Toxic Substances Control Act
- VIII. Energy Policy and Laws
- IX. Natural Resource Laws
- X. International Environmental Law