# Wayland Baptist University

# WBUonline Campus

# School of Mathematics and Sciences

# 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 Title and Number:

ENVS 4302-*VC01*; Environmental Laws and Regulations

# Term: Summer 2018

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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.

# Prerequisites:

ENVS 3301 or school approval

# Required Textbook(s) and/or Resource Material:

Kubasek, N.K., and G.S. Silverman. 2011. *Environmental Law, 7th edition.* Pearson - Prentice Hall, New York. ISBN – 978-0-13-608883-7 (or newer edition if available)

# Optional Materials:

As an on-line course, all lectures, assignments, communications, and exams will be managed through Black Board.

This course may require students to pursue an understanding of certain topics by conducting on-line research, or visiting state agencies, attending public meetings, or visiting local parks or other facilities (e.g., waste-water treatment plants; landfills; etc.). Use of digital photography to record aspects of these visits for uploading to a blog or WIKI may be requested. **Therefore, students should have access to a digital camera. A cell-phone with this option will suffice – students are NOT being asked to purchase a camera with special features.**

# Course 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 Requirements:

In accordance with university policy, attendance in this course will be documented through a student’s active engagement in weekly assignments, quizzes, or similar course elements requiring deliverables or direct communication between the student and the instructor through the course black board site. Instructions for completing these assignments will be posted by the instructor prior to or at the beginning of each week of the class. Failure to attend or participate in this class may result in administrative withdrawal from the course or grade reductions. Failure to meet posted deadlines will result in a grade of zero or point reductions for the assignments affected.

# Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty:

Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and second offenses will result in suspension from the university.

# 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.

# Course Requirements and Grading Criteria:

Students will be evaluated by on-line quizzes and exams; group or individually assigned projects; written reports and/or presentations using various media tools (e.g. digital photography or video); and class participation. Certain course content may be conveyed as video and/or audio files posted on the internet or in Black Board. Students are expected to access the course Black Board site regularly; have an internet connection with sufficient capacity to download and upload posted materials and submit assignment deliverables; and be proficient in the use of computer software and internet tools required for effective participation in and completion of an on-line course. Some technical assistance is available through Wayland’s Virtual Campus helpdesk, but students are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their internet connection and technical competencies are sufficient to effectively engage in, and successfully complete this course.

**Grading:**

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 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.

**Grading and Academic Standards:** Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Executive Vice President/Provost to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

# Tentative Schedule:

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.

Topic or schedule changes will be posted on Black Board.

Week 1. Introduction - administrative law and alternative public policy approaches

Week 2. National Environmental Policy Act

Week 3. Clean Air Act

Week 4. Clean Water Act

Week 5. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Week 6. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Conservation, and Liability Act

Week 7. Toxic Substances Control Act

Week 8. Energy Policy and Laws

Week 9. Natural Resource Laws

Week 10. International Environmental Law

Week 11. TBA