

THE CURRICULUM

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW +

The implementation of legislative policy through administrative agencies

ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL RESEARCH

The most useful, efficient strategies and resources for environmental law research

AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The regulatory and incentive-based programs that affect our agricultural crops, and the environmental impacts of these programs

AIR POLLUTION LAW AND POLICY

A detailed reading of the Clean Air Act and an exploration of the major statutory provisions

ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

The local, state, and federal laws and policies that govern transition to renewable energy sources

ANIMAL LAW AND ETHICS

The laws, doctrines, and policies that address human interactions with animals

ANIMAL WELFARE LAW

The rapidly evolving field of law concerning the welfare of animals used for human purposes, and laws used in wildlife conservation

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LAW +

How existing laws may address climate change and how new, more comprehensive laws may be fashioned

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN HUMAN SYSTEMS

The legal challenges raised by the unavoidable need for our society to adapt to the impacts of global warming

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

The legal, policy, and economic issues in our attempt to mitigate our carbon footprint and reduce greenhouse gasses

CLIMATE CHANGE: THE POWER OF TAXES

How tax systems can be used to reduce greenhouse gases and develop more environmentally compatible technologies

CLIMATE, EXTINCTION, AND ADAPTATION

The ecological, social, and ethical consequences of climate change and various legal and policy options to address it

COMMUNICATIONS, ADVOCACY, AND LEADERSHIP +

The skills to advocate, counsel, investigate, persuade, research, and educate

COMPARATIVE U.S.-CHINA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The environmental challenges for China's 1.3 billion people and efforts to address them through law and regulation

ECOLOGY

A field course on an integrative science that can provide insight into many contemporary environmental problems

END USE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The reasons for, techniques of, and results from energy efficiency measures around the U.S.

ENERGY LAW AND POLICY +

Key issues in American energy policy, and ways to ease the strains that the policy puts upon environmental sustainability

ENERGY REGULATION, MARKETS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT +

The legal, economic, and structural issues involved in both energy regulation and energy markets, focusing on electricity

ENVIRONMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

How environmental laws and policies interact with business and private sector behavior in adopting environmentally-friendly policies

ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Liability, diligence, and drafting issues in complex environmental business transactions

ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION +

Alternative dispute resolution processes for resolving complex, multiparty environmental disputes

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND MARKETS +

How market-based tools to protect the environment work, their basic assumptions, and the challenges they face during implementation

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

The theory and practice of enforcement of the federal pollution control laws

ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS SEMINAR

The foundations of environmental reasoning: intrinsic value theory, biocentrism, ecofeminism, deep ecology, and spirituality

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LAW SEMINAR

An examination of the field of environmental health, including toxic torts, lead poisoning, food protection, and pesticides

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Discrimination and justice concerns about the benefits and burdens of environmental protection and natural resource management

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

The challenges to developing and implementing strong environmental governance systems in the developing world

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW +

The law pertaining to environmental issues such as population, economic growth, energy, and pollution

THE FARM BILL

An introduction to the breadth of policies and legal authorities included in the Farm Bill

FEDERAL REGULATION OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

An overview of the Farm Bill and other laws that affect growing policy, animal husbandry, and food production

FOOD REGULATION AND POLICY

Current policies regarding food regulation and how to effectively advocate for policy changes

FOOD JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY +

The policies and programs that could help create a Good Food environment

FOREST POLICY AND LAW

The policy and legal issues affecting forests and forest management

FRONTIER ISSUES IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The potential of science, law, and policy to tackle frontier (i.e., not yet fully discovered and appreciated) environmental concerns

GLOBAL ENERGY LAW AND POLICY

Energy policy frameworks, policies implementing global and regional climate commitments, and emerging issues outside of the U.S

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY +

The legal landscape of global hunger

INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE LAW

A study of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol; students represent VLS at COP as members of its Observer Delegation

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

The structure and basic principles of international environmental law and policy

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The intersection and frequent clash between trade liberalization and environmental protection

INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD LAW AND POLICY +

A survey of American law affecting agriculture and food and the traditional divisions between agriculture, food, and environmental regulation

LAND CONSERVATION LAW

The legal issues around donation of conservation easements and private/public partnerships for land conservation



Utah Field Study students in Arches National Park

LAND USE REGULATION

The traditional legal controls available to regulate the use of land, including local zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations

LAND TRANSACTIONS AND FINANCE

How land is divided and transferred, including an introduction to the title system, title insurance, and land contracts

LAW OF ANIMALS IN AGRICULTURE

The laws and market pressures affecting the conditions of farmed animals

LAW AND POLICY OF LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS Ⓞ

A study of policies that affect distribution of food and state-level initiatives to bolster local food markets

NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE LAW +

The constitutional, statutory, and jurisprudential rules of law which make up the field of Federal Indian Law

NATURAL RESOURCES LAW +

The statutes and regulations governing the management of the federal lands and their resources

OCEAN AND COASTAL LAW

The natural components of estuarine, coastal, and marine ecosystems and some of the conservation issues confronting them

OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT +

The major contracts used to explore for and produce oil and gas in the U.S. and internationally

PEACE, WAR, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

International environmental law, the law of armed conflict, and international humanitarian law

PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS AND TRIBAL RIGHTS: UTAH FIELD STUDY

A Utah-based study of federal laws governing public lands, tribal treaty rights, and other legally protected tribal interests in federal lands

PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT: MONTANA FIELD STUDY

Montana provides the venue for a comparative study of the competing legal mandates and diverse philosophies of federal land management

REGULATING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

The interaction of state, federal, and international regimes in the regulation of the marine environment

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Legal and policy issues associated with the development and project financing of renewable energy projects

RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY LAW AND POLICY

Exploring new and innovative ways that resilience and sustainability have an impact on law and policy

SCIENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW Ⓞ

The science most relevant to environmental law, including climate science, air and water pollution, toxicology, and endangered species management

THREE ESSENTIALS OF THE ELECTRIC GRID

Fundamental legal, engineering, and business knowledge for energy professionals

WATER QUALITY

The Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Ocean Dumping Act

WATER RESOURCES LAW +

The allocation of water among competing claimants—for consumptive uses, waste disposal, recreation, and other purposes

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