

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**  
**2011-12 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION<sup>1</sup>**

<b>COURSE</b>	Law 329 Environmental Law
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Chris Tollefson
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Fall 2011
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See Schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES</b>	None

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To gain an appreciation of the social, political and economic context of environmental law, policy, and enforcement.
2. To consider the challenges of environmental law making and regulation within the Canadian federation, including First Nations issues and the role of local governments.
3. To understand the scope and limitations of common law actions and remedies in the environmental context.
4. To gain a basic familiarity with environmental regulation and law making at the federal and provincial levels including standard-setting, the emerging debate with respect to “smart regulation” and related issues of public participation, enforcement, judicial review and standing.
5. To evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of these models within a broader socio-political context, and consider possibilities for reform.
6. To consider the role of the criminal law in environmental regulatory enforcement including private prosecutions.
7. To acquire an understanding of the environmental assessment process and emerging critiques.
8. To consider selected approaches to, and issues in, wilderness and wildlife protection.
9. To become familiar with emerging environmental law and policy issues including climate change mitigation and adaptation, access to justice and sustainability law

## **COURSE METHODOLOGY**

Lectures, Guest Lectures, Class discussion, Student Presentations

## **COURSE EVALUATION**

Class Presentation or Paper	25%
Final Exam	75%

*March 9, 2011*

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