

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2011-12 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION¹

COURSE	Law 353 Environmental Law Clinic
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week) [Option for 2.0 Units with extra credit work]
INSTRUCTOR	Chris Tollefson
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2012
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	None

OBJECTIVES

1. To gain an appreciation of the theory and practice of public interest lawyering.
2. To acquire basic law office and case management and planning skills.
3. To develop legal interviewing, research, analysis and writing skills by working with clients involved in public interest environmental law issues or disputes.
4. To gain practical experience working in, and managing, a non-profit society and a basic familiarity with associated legal and practical obligations and responsibilities including financial control, liaison with funders and clients, and reporting to the Board.
5. To become familiar with a range of public interest environmental law issues, players and clients, and with the strategies and opportunities for using the legal and political system to advocate on behalf of the environment.

METHODOLOGY

In-class seminar, small group work; clinical work with clients; student presentations.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Students will be evaluated on a pass-fail basis. This evaluation will be ongoing throughout the term and involve an assessment of their performance on:

- Skills exercise (memo to Board; client interview; retainer letter; EAB hearing; media release)
- A major project (work for client on legal case/project, e.g. memo, factum or other work product approved by the instructor as the student's major term project).

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