

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
Summer 2012 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION¹

COURSE	Law 343 Environmental Law and Science
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Mark Haddock
TERM OFFERED	Summer 2012
CLASS TIMES	TBA
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	None

OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

The practice of environmental law involves the convergence of public policy and complex scientific issues. This course will explore the theoretical and practical intersections between law and science, with a focus on environmental and natural resource law. Students will examine issues that arise when the scientific method and reasoning processes meet legal burdens of proof in the courtroom. The special role of expert opinion evidence also will be examined, along with practical issues such as the preparation and cross-examination of expert witnesses. The course will also address the use of science in the drafting of legislative instruments, and practical issues that arise in applying principles of international law, such as the precautionary principle and polluter pay.

METHODOLOGY

The course will be taught as a seminar and will feature practitioner-guests, and case study-based exercises. It will include lectures, class discussion and may include student presentations.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Paper: 45%
Final Exam: 50%
Participation: 5%

October 31, 2011

¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, the Associate Dean (lawassoc@uvic.ca).