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Law and the Environment

ENVS 411



This course is intended to familiarize non-law students with the historical, institutional, economic, and philosophical issues involved in environmental law and regulation.

Environmental law encompasses a wide number of local, state, national, and international laws, regulations, treaties, and ordinances. This course will provide an introduction that will enable students to participate in legal discussions, research, and critiques with increased competence and confidence.

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Understand the history of environmental law
- Analyze and apply various legal texts related to the environment (*e.g.*, case law, statutes, treaties, and journal articles)
- Conduct legal research and understand the basic principles of legal writing
- Develop their own understanding of law's role in society
- Think critically about when, how, and if to use legal mechanisms to solve environmental problems

Prerequisite: ENVS 201 or instructor consent.

The instructor, Rebecca Briggs, has experience as an attorney at a law firm in Washington, DC, where she specialized in insurance coverage cases involving environmental contamination. For more information about the course, contact Rebecca Briggs at (541) 346-5003 or rbriggs1@uoregon.edu.