

LAW AND THE ENVIRONMENT

ENVS 411/511 FALL 2011

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:50



Overview: This course provides students with an understanding of laws that regulate the environment as well as the skills to analyze and apply these laws to current issues. By the end of this course, students will be able to communicate with agencies, lawyers, environmental advocates, businesses and individuals about environmental laws and determine how and whether to use legal tools to resolve environmental issues.

Topics: The structure and operation of the legal system, the development of environmental laws, policy issues and risk assessment, federal and state laws applicable to habitat and species protection, air quality, water quality, toxic substances, solid and hazardous waste, energy production, government agency regulation and enforcement, citizen and public enforcement, and international environmental law.

Prerequisites: ENVS 201 and junior or senior standing for undergraduates taking ENVS 411.

The instructor, Kay Crider, has an undergraduate degree in environmental biology, a J.D. with a certificate in environmental and energy law, and experience representing both private and public sectors on environmental matters. For more information about the course, email Kay at kcrider@uoregon.edu.