RICHARDS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS
COURSE SYLLABUS
FALL SEMESTER 2015

Course Number: MGNT 3630-01D
Course Title: Environmental Law
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
A course that provides an introduction to the legal and regulatory aspects of environmental law, its history and sources, its reliance on scientific principles, as well as its relationship to business management; an introduction to sustainability and, particularly, environmental sustainability.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationships among the legal, social, political, ethical, cultural, international, scientific, and technological aspects of environmental law and its impact on business. (BBA 4)
2. Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply principles of environmental law, a major area of law affecting business, incorporating the influence of technology, the impact of demographic diversity, and the use of appropriate quantitative techniques, within an ethical and legal framework. (BBA 4, BBA 5)
3. Demonstrate the ability to analyze issues and situations having legal implications including demographic changes with accompanying diversity issues, development and use of technological innovations, social changes, the political arena, and environmental and ethical factors, and assess the consequences of courses of action. (BBA 5)
4. Demonstrate familiarity with various legal resources and the ability to use them.
5. Demonstrate the ability to organize and present work in an effective and professional manner. (BBA 1)

RELATIONSHIP OF LEARNING OBJECTIVES TO LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THE B.B.A. DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT:
Achievement of the Learning Objectives for this course will advance the student toward meeting the standards articulated in the Learning Outcomes for the B.B.A. Degree in Business Administration.

PREREQUISITES:
RCOB Majors: completion of BUSA 2106 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business with a grade of “D” or higher. Environmental Science/Environmental Studies Majors: Permission of the Instructor.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:
This is D-section online course, which means 51-94% of course content will be delivered online, with exams being administered face-to-face in the classroom. Delivery of information and concepts will be primarily by way of CourseDen, with supplemental class readings or assignments to supplement the textbook and lectures. The subject matter will be drawn primarily from the text, online sources, and current issues/news.

COMMUNICATION:
Communication between student and instructor will be primarily through CourseDen, with occasional individual messages via UWG mail. The instructor prefers students to e-mail her through CourseDen mail for most routine correspondence. If you need urgent assistance or have an emergency, e-mail the instructor at her UWG e-mail address, Ldefoor@westga.edu. Distribution of course materials, including the syllabus, class calendar, syllabus amendments, announcements, news, and other information will be through CourseDen. Students must enable notifications and check their MyUWG account and CourseDen daily during the week.

CHAT SESSIONS:
The instructor will host a synchronous chat session for anyone wishing to obtain real-time assistance in the course. The chats will be held in the Healthcare Law chat room in CourseDen every Monday at noon. These chat sessions are voluntary and are for your benefit; you are not required to attend.

COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT, AND COURSE POLICIES:

- Your instructor is a licensed attorney. However, do not ask your instructor for legal advice.
- Please read this syllabus carefully. Your instructor is available during office hours to answer any questions you may have regarding this syllabus. Consequently, excuses for failure to fulfill course requirements based upon non-understanding or misunderstanding of this syllabus will not be heard.
- The instructor reserves the right to make appropriate amendments to this syllabus. All such amendments will be announced sufficiently in advance of the effectiveness of the amendment.
- The course content is provided to students for the purposes of receiving credit for MGNT 3630 only. All intellectual property belongs to the professor and/or UWG. Students may not reproduce, save, or copy course content for purposes of sale or distribution to others outside the class. Students who do so may be subject to civil liability and criminal prosecution, in addition to discipline for academic dishonesty.
- If you have a disability and wish to request an accommodation, please contact Accessibility Services in the Counseling & Career Development Center in Row Hall, and follow their steps to apply.
- UWG Mandatory Syllabus Policies (required information for all UWG course syllabi)

The following are minimum requirements for taking an online course at UWG. You must meet these requirements to participate in this class.

- Access to a personal computer (PC or Mac), with Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox browsers.
- High-speed/broadband internet service (DSL, Cable, etc.) is strongly recommended. If high-speed internet is not available in your area, you will have difficulty with some course content, such as video lectures and the like. Completion of course requirements will be very difficult and cumbersome, and you may wish to enroll in a traditional campus-based course.
- Software requirements: Microsoft Office 2007 (available for free through UWG ITS) or equivalent, Adobe Acrobat Reader, and other downloads listed in CourseDen (D2L).
Credit Hour Policy Statement (3 Credit Hour Course):  During the academic term, students will spend approximately 150 minutes per week in online faculty instruction (video lectures, chat sessions, direct communication, discussion threads, etc.) and about 360 minutes per week independently. This independent work may include, but is not limited to, readings, assignments, projects, group work, research, and test preparation.

EVALUATION AND GRADES:
Grades will be calculated and assigned on the basis of points earned on graded work, as follows:

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Grades will be assigned on the basis of 500 points earned as follows:

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*NOTE: Southwire Sustainability Honors Program (SSHP) students will complete an additional term paper or project on the topic of sustainability, which will be worth 100 points, making the total available points for SSHP students 600 points. Their letter grades will be calculated on a 600 point scale, rather than the point scale above. SSHP students should see me the first week of the term for more information. Extra credit, if available at all, will be discretionary on the part of the instructor and dependent upon events and lectures for the specific semester. In some semesters, there may not be any events or lectures that will qualify for extra credit.

Examinations: 400 points
Four periodic examinations will be given, as indicated in the schedule below. Alternative examination times may be scheduled in cases where a student will be absent during a regularly scheduled examination time, if and only if all three of the following criteria are met:

1. The absence is a University-authorized or Instructor-authorized absence,
2. Arrangements are made in advance of the absence, and
3. The student provides genuine documentation to the Instructor from the appropriate University employee or official, physician, or other relevant individual that includes the date, time, and purpose of the absence. The instructor will reschedule exams only in cases where the student’s attendance is made impossible by circumstances beyond the student’s control.

Other Assignments: 100 points
In addition to exams, you will have other assignments and homework. These assignment grades will be averaged, and the average will amount to 100 points out of the 500 total available points in the class. Thus, it is imperative that you complete any graded assignments that are assigned. **The instructor does not accept late work, so be sure to submit your assignments before the deadline.**

ACADEMIC HONESTY:
Receiving or giving help on exams or assignments, plagiarism, or any other academic dishonesty **will result** in failure in this course and may result in dismissal from the University. For the purposes of this class, the following statements in the **Student Handbook** and **Appendix A** of the Honor Code will be applied:

1. No student shall give or receive, or otherwise furnish or procure assistance not authorized in the preparation of an essay, report, examination, or other assignment in an academic course or in the fulfillment of program or degree requirements such as standardized examinations.

2. No student shall take, attempt to take, or otherwise obtain, gain access to, or alter in an unauthorized manner any material pertaining to the conduct of a class or to the completion of any program or degree requirement, including but not limited to tests, examinations, laboratory equipment, roll books, academic records, or electronically stored data.

3. Plagiarism is prohibited. Themes, essays, term papers, tests, and other similar requirements must be the work of the student submitting them. Direct quotations must be indicated and ideas of another must be appropriately acknowledged.

**Failure to observe these standards will result in a grade of F in the course.**

**STATEMENT OF ETHICAL EXPECTATIONS:**
Richards College of Business community members are committed to: honesty and integrity in interactions and undertakings; respect for rights, differences, and dignity of others; accountability for personal behavior.

**PROFESSIONALISM:**
Students will treat the instructor and fellow students with the utmost respect and professionalism *at all times.*

**ADDITIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES:**
There is a widget on the bottom left-hand side of the course homepage with additional UWG resources.

- UWG Online HelpDesk Services: 678-839-6248 or online@westga.edu
- Disability Services: 678-839-6428 or ccd@westga.edu
- Excel Center (Academic Support): 678-839-6280 or helpme@westga.edu
- UWG Online Student Guide (contains a variety of information and resources for online learning)

**COURSE CALENDAR/EXAM SCHEDULE:** This is an estimated timeline for the course and is subject to amendment.

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<td>Unit 1:</td>
<td>History and Legal Framework of Environmental Law; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). <strong>This material will be tested on Exam No. 1 (9/14/15).</strong></td>
<td>Chapters 1-3</td>
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<td>Unit 2:</td>
<td>The Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. <strong>This material will be tested on Exam No. 2 (10/5/15).</strong></td>
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<td>Unit 3:</td>
<td>Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation &amp; Liability Act, Toxic Substances Control Act, and Federal Insecticide, Fungicide &amp; Rodenticide Act. <strong>This material will be tested on Exam No. 3 (10/26/15).</strong></td>
<td>Chapters 7-9</td>
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<td>Unit 4:</td>
<td>OSHA Regulations and Safety Management, Emergency Planning &amp; Community Right-to-Know Act, Natural Resources Law/Endangered Species Act/Marine Mammal Protection Act; ISO 14001; Water Rights Law. <em><em>This material will be tested on Exam No. 4</em> (11/30/15).</em>*</td>
<td>Chapters 10-11; PowerPoints/Supplemental Materials</td>
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<td>SSHP Unit 5:</td>
<td>Sustainability. <strong>For SSHP Students Only: this material will be assessed via your Sustainability Term Paper/Research Project (Due 12/9/15).</strong></td>
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*NOTE: We will complete Exam No. 4 (Final Exam) the week before Final Exam week in BanWeb.*