

Fall 2009  
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UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE COLLEGE OF LAW  
Law 659: Environmental Law

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## **APPROACH TO THE COURSE**

### **Readings:**

Required Text: Craig N. Johnson et al., Legal Protection of the Environment.  
Additional readings will be assigned and will be provided by the course instructors.

### **Lectures, Exercises and Class Discussions:**

This class will be co-taught by Fernando Avila and Melissa Cushman. In addition, guest lecturers will be utilized from time to time. Students are expected to have read the material and participate in class discussions, and attendance and participation will constitute ten percent of the students' final grades.

### **Evaluation:**

Grades will be evaluated on the following basis:

Attendance and Class Participation – 10%  
Final Examination – 90%

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

August 20, 2009: Course Introduction  
Perspectives on Environmental Law  
Reading Assignment: Chapter I pages 1-35

August 27, 2009: The Constitution and Environmental Law

- Reading Assignment: Chapter I pages 35-79
- September 3, 2009: Administrative Law Issues  
Reading Assignment: Chapter I pages 79-90, Additional  
Reading TBA
- September 10, 2009: Federal Clean Air Act (CAA)  
Reading Assignment: Chapter IV
- September 17, 2009: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)  
Reading Assignment: Chapter II
- September 24, 2009: California Environmental Policy Act (CEQA), Land Use, and  
State and Local Law Issues  
Reading Assignment: TBA
- October 1, 2009: Clean Water Act  
Reading Assignment: Chapter III, Chapter  
VIII pages 666-723
- October 8, 2009: Other Water Law Issues (Guest Lecturer)  
Reading Assignment: TBA
- October 15, 2009: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)  
Reading Assignment: Chapter V
- October 22, 2009: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and  
Liability Act (CERCLA)  
Reading Assignment: Chapter VII
- October 29, 2009: Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the California  
Endangered Species Act (CESA)  
Reading Assignment: Chapter 8 pages 601-666 and TBA
- November 5, 2009: Regulatory Enforcement  
Reading Assignment: Chapter VI
- November 12, 2009: Energy and the Environment (Guest Lecturer)  
Reading Assignment: TBS
- November 19, 2009: The Intersection of Environmental Laws: Case Study: the  
Central Valley Project and the State Water Project  
Reading Assignment: TBA