



Course Outline – Fall 2021

Course Code LAW-353	Course Title Environmental Law	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall
Type of Course Major Elective	Field International and EU Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course Undergraduate	Lecturer Dr. Odysseas Christou	Year of Study 3 rd
Mode of Delivery Conventional (Face-to-face)	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Provide a comprehensive understanding of Environmental Law as one of the most rapidly evolving and multifaceted contemporary aspects of the law.
- Present the evolution of the international regulatory environment with an emphasis on the pivotal turning points in shaping and consolidating international consensus on the underlying principles governing this framework.
- Analyze the objectives, principles and responsibilities of European environmental law and its various topics.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Understand the general framework of the foundation and implementation of environmental law.
2. Analyze the achievements of international environmental law in specific areas such as biodiversity, climate change, desertification and ozone layer protection.
3. Discuss in a comprehensive manner theoretical and practical issues relating to the application of the framework of global commons and resources management.
4. Analyze the objectives, principles and competences of European environmental law.
5. Link EU environmental policy to the free market, agriculture and fisheries, transport and energy sectors.
6. Provide scientific assessment on issues relating to the concepts of environmental impact assessment, environmental liability, industrial emissions, air quality and noise pollution.
7. Understand both theoretically and practically through the study of secondary law and judgments, issues related to the regulation of the protection of water, waste, chemicals and genetically modified

organisms.

Course Content:

During the course, the student will study the following:

1. Introduction: Principles of environmental law
2. Evolution of the framework of international environmental law
3. Management of global commons and resources
4. Introduction to EU environmental law: Environmental Action Programs, policies, actors, and primary law
5. Crosscutting issues: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA Directive and SEA Directive), and Environmental Liability (ELD)
6. Crosscutting issues: Accident Prevention (Seveso II Directive), Access to information and justice, and public participation (Aarhus Convention and implementation in EU legislation)
7. Crosscutting issues: Eco-Labeling, EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS), Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE), and European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR)
8. EU Water legislation (WFD, MSFD, and associated legislation)
9. Protection of Species and Sites: Birds Directive and Habitats Directive
10. EU Biodiversity legislation and regulation of GMOs
11. EU Waste legislation
12. Pollution: Industrial Emissions (IED), Chemicals (REACH), Air, and Noise legislation

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Practical Exercises and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Participation (10%), Midterm Exam (40%), Final Exam (50%).

Required Textbook / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Van Calster, Geert, and Leonie Reins	<i>EU Environmental Law</i>	Edward Elgar Publishing	2018	9781788119443

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Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Langlet, David, and Said Mahmoudi	<i>EU Environmental Law and Policy</i>	Oxford University Press	2016	0198753934
Bell, Stuart, Donald McGillivray, and Ole W. Pedersen	<i>Environmental Law</i>	Oxford University Press	2013	978-0199583805
Kramer, Ludwig	<i>EU Environmental Law</i>	Sweet & Maxwell	2016	978-0414056046
Sands, Philippe, Jacqueline Peel, Adriana Fabra, and Ruth MacKenzie	<i>Principles of International Environmental Law (4th ed.)</i>	Cambridge University Press	2018	1108431127
Dupuy, Pierre-Marie, and Jorge E. Vinuales	<i>International Environmental Law (2nd ed.)</i>	Cambridge University Press	2018	1108438113

Grading Policy

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Numerical Grade</i>	<i>Grade Points</i>
A	Excellent	93-100	4.0
A-		90-92	3.7
B+	Very Good	87-89	3.3
B		83-86	3.0
B-		80-82	2.7
C+	Good	77-79	2.3
C		73-76	2.0
C-		70-72	1.7
D+	Poor but Acceptable	67-69	1.3
D		63-66	1.0
D-		60-62	0.7
F	Failure	0-59	0.0

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Even though you may call me if you have any questions or concerns, the most reliable way of communication is through email. One-on-one meetings are both welcome and encouraged.

All students should check the course site on courses.unic.ac.cy, as I may need to get in touch with you, either for course changes and/or for distribution of notes and other material.

Attendance Policy

- Students are **REQUIRED** to maintain regular class attendance. Being late to class may be recorded as absence.
- Absences in excess of 20% or failing to take the final examination without a valid and timely excuse will result in either failure or administrative withdrawal and a grade of "F" or "W" respectively will be given.
- Therefore, **THREE** absences will result in failure of or administrative withdrawal from the course.
- Unusual absences, e.g. for medical reasons, may be excused if the student contacts the faculty member before or during the period of absence. International students are further required by law to attend classes regularly.

Schedule

Week	Date	Topic (Reading)
1	29/09	Introduction: legal principles and key concepts (Chapters 1&2)
2	06/10	Evolution of international framework (Chapters 1&2)
3	13/10	EU primary law and policy evolution (Chapters 3&4)
4	20/10	Cross-Cutting Issues: Aarhus Pillars (Chapters 5&6)
5	27/10	Cross-Cutting Issues: Environmental Impact Assessment and Liability (Chapters 7&8)
6	03/11	Cross-Cutting Issues: Major Accident Prevention
7	10/11	MIDTERM EXAM
8	17/11	Environmental Protection: Water, Biodiversity, GMOs (Chapters 10&11)
9	24/11	Environmental Pollution: Industrial Emissions, Air and Noise (Chapters 12-14)
10	01/12	Environmental Pollution: Waste, Chemicals (Chapters 15&16)
11	08/12	Environmental Pollution: Climate Change (Chapter 14)
12	15/12	The European Green Deal