PREAMBLE

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the problems of Environmental Law for the graduate or professional student who will have to meet and consult with lawyers during a professional career. It is designed not to turn you into lawyers but to teach you how lawyers approach the problems in this subject area. The professor believes that this can best be achieved if the course is taught in the same manner it would be taught to law students. Only by experiencing the legal reasoning processes firsthand can you hope to learn how to work constructively with lawyers in your professional life. It is important to note that most lawyers are narrowly trained and would have great difficulty understanding you if you did not learn at least something about their vocabulary and reasoning patterns.

As to substantive content, this is a survey class which should provide you with an overview of many areas of Environmental Law. If you are interested in pursuing particular topics in greater detail you can follow this class with other classes in particular subjects; if you are interested in pursuing a particular subject not covered in existing classes, you can talk to the instructor about an arranged Individual Study Plan.