**Syllabus ES/PS124 SJSU**

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| Environmental LawES/PS 124, Fall 20161. Course Information.Class hours & location- Section 1: Mondays/Wednesdays- 1:30-2:45 p.m., BBC #105Section 2: Wednesdays- 3-5:45 p.m., BBC #105Instructor: Terry Trumbull, Environmental Studies DepartmentOffice: Room 115, Washington Square HallOffice Hours: Monday/Wednesday noon to 1:30 p.m.Instructor’s e-mail: terryt1011@aol.com2. Course Overview.a. Course Description.Students will become acquainted with the role of law and lawyers inenvironmental issues. After an introduction to legislation,regulation, and the courts, students will learn the framework ofregulation in specific environmental areas. Areas to be coveredinclude air and water pollution, land use, solid and hazardous waste,recycling, natural resources, energy, environmental impact analysis,environmental health and safety, and international environmentalregulation.b. Course Format.Students are expected to read the relevant portions of the textbookprior to class. Lecture will be minimized, but will probably take up50% of class time. A portion of each class will be spent on analysisof current environmental issues. Experts in different fields relatedto the class will speak at several class meetings.c. Student Learning ObjectivesAt the end of the course, you shall be able to:-describe how environmental issues are handled by elected officials,regulators, and the courts;-identify the provisions of the U.S. Constitution that are used tosupport and restrain environmental regulation;-identify the names and responsibilities of state and federalenvironmental and natural resource agencies;-understand formal legal writing (Appellate case evaluation);-describe how environmental health is regulated;-identify the major international environmental treaties and thelimitations of treaties; and-compare how California environmental regulation is more stringent thanthat of the Federal government.In each case, the assessment technique will be quizzes and/or thefinal, except as noted.d. Grade Checks.If an institution requires you to have a signed grade check, it will bedone when needed during the semester. Otherwise, you know your grades and progress as well as I do.e. Course text.Kubasek and Silverman, Environmental Law (8th Edition, but any editionis acceptable), Prentice Hall.f. Class website.My lecture notes are posted at trumbulllaw.weebly.com.There are other files there, such as suggestions on writing for classand a sample quiz.3. Course Requirements.a. Grading: Class participation/environmental articles 10% Appellate Case Evaluation 4% Government meeting 1% Glossary 20% Quizzes 35% Final 30%b. Class participation/Environmental articles:For each class meeting, students are expected to bring a printedarticle from a recent publication, including the internet. Yourarticle shall be turned in before the start of class and must be on thesubject discussed in class that day. If you are called upon to discussyour article, students are not expected to explain the underlying legalissues, but should be prepared to summarize the facts in the article.Discussion in class of your article, or any other discussion by you inclass, gives you a point for class participation.c. Glossary.Definition of about 200 environmental law terms. Due at start of sixthclass. One extra point per class for early submission (maximum of fiveextra points), and one point deducted for each class that it is late,but not later than the last day of class. You must type or print everyword of your glossary submission yourself. You are free to work withothers on the terms, but you may not copy or paste answers from anyother source.d. Government Meeting.You are required to attend a meeting of a local government body,planning commission, or environmental regulatory agency. Bring a copyof the meeting agenda to me signed by one of those participating in themeeting (i.e., commissioner, city clerk, councilmember).e. Quizzes. See class schedule for exact date of quizzes for yoursection.Seven quizzes will be given. Each quiz will be 5% of your grade.Environmental Health and Safety, Population, and InternationalEnvironment will not be tested on a quiz. They will only be covered onthe final.f. Appellate Case EvaluationYou will receive an appellate case on an environmental matter at thefirst class, as well as specific information that you must provide inan analysis of the case. Your analysis is due at thestart of the second class (see schedule). |