

**ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT**  
**CLASS SYLLABUS –SPRING 2015**  
**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER**  
**THURSDAYS, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Jan.22: Course Introduction; Energy v. Environmental Policy	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 1</i>
Jan. 29: Public Utility Regulation	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 2; (ST) Chs. 2-3</i>
Feb 5: Sources of Energy; Sustainability	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 15; (ST) Ch. 1</i>
Feb. 12 : Water (Hydro) Power	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 3;(ST) Ch. 6</i>
Feb. 19: Domestic Petroleum	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 5</i>
Feb. 26: International Petroleum	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Chs. 6</i>
<b>Mar. 5:</b> Natural Gas	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 7</i>
<b>TOPICS FOR PAPERS DUE TODAY</b> – Notification of paper topic by end of class	
Mar. 12: Electricity/Conservation & Efficiency	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Chs. 8 and 12; (ST) Ch. 4</i>
Mar. 19: NO CLASS- SPRING BREAK	
Mar. 26: Climate Change	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 10; (ST) Ch. 5</i>
Apr. 2: Renewable Energy	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 11; (ST) Chs. 11-12</i>
<b>Apr. 9:</b> Nuclear Energy	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 13</i>
<b>DRAFT OF PAPERS DUE TODAY</b> <i>Deliver draft by 5:00 p.m. or bring to class; typewritten, 25 pgs. min. (excl. citations), and double spaced.</i>	
Apr. 16: CLASS PRESENTATIONS; DISCUSSION OF TOPICS	
Apr. 23: CLASS PRESENTATIONS; DISCUSSION OF TOPICS	
Apr. 30: CLASS PRESENTATIONS; DISCUSSION OF TOPICS	
<b>May 13:</b> <b>FINAL PAPERS DUE TODAY</b> (by 6:00 p.m. CT)	
(B) = Refers to <u>Energy, Economics and the Environment</u> (3rd Edition) by Bosselman, Rossi, Weaver, et al.	
(ST) = Refers to <u>Environmental Law and Policy</u> (4 <sup>th</sup> Edition) by Salzman & Thompson	
** Please note that additional reading assignments may be distributed and/or posted on certain topics.	

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**FINAL PAPER REQUIREMENT:** There will be no exams in this class. In lieu of a final exam, each student is required to submit a Final Paper that covers any energy and environmental topic of the student's choice. The Final Paper must be typewritten, 25 pgs. min. (excl. citations), and double spaced. Students must also turn in a completed draft of the Final Paper on April 9, 2015. A hard copy of the revised Final Paper must be turned into the Dean's Office by 6pm (CT) on May 13, 2015 (Final Exam Date) in order to be considered timely.

**ATTENDANCE:** No more than five absences will be allowed during the semester. The student will receive an automatic drop from the course.

**GRADING POLICY:** Your final grade will be based on the following: 80% based on your final paper; 10% based on your draft paper; and 10 % based on class participation and attendance.