

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW SCHOOL
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COURSE [LAW 5211]
DRAFT CLASS SYLLABUS –SPRING 2018
TUESDAYS, 5:30p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 16: Course Introduction; Energy v. Environmental Policy	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 1; (ST) Ch. 1</i>
Jan. 23: Public Utility/Rate Regulation	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Chs. 2 & 8; (ST) Chs. 2-3</i>
Jan. 30: Water (Hydro) Power	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 6; (ST) Ch. 7</i>
Feb. 6: Coal	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 5</i>
Feb. 13: Oil & Gas Production	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 4; (ST) Chs. 11-12</i>
Feb. 20: Oil & Gas Pipelines	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 9</i>
Feb. 27: Controlling Externalities of Fossil Fuels	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 7; (ST) Ch. 4</i>
<i>*TOPICS FOR PAPERS DUE TODAY – Notification of paper topic by end of class</i>	
Mar. 6: Renewable Energy	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Chs. 11-12</i>
Mar. 12-16: NO CLASSES - SPRING BREAK	
Mar. 20: Nuclear Energy	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 16</i>
Mar. 29: Electricity/Efficiency	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Chs. 10 & 13</i>
Apr. 3: Transportation	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 15</i>
Apr. 10: International Energy Markets	<i>Reading Assignment: (B) Ch. 14</i>
<i>* DRAFT PAPERS DUE TODAY – Bring hard copy to class; 25 pages min. (excl. citations); double spaced</i>	
Apr. 17, 24: CLASS PRESENTATIONS ON PAPER DRAFTS; DISCUSSION OF HOT TOPICS	
May 8: FINAL PAPERS DUE TODAY (by 4:00 p.m. CT at O'Quinn Law Library Circulation Desk)	
(B) = Refers to <u>Energy, Economics and the Environment (4th Edition)</u> by Bosselman, Rossi, Weaver, et al.	
(ST) = Refers to <u>Environmental Law and Policy (4th Edition)</u> by Salzman & Thompson (<i>Optional Book</i>)	
** Please note that additional reading assignments may be distributed and/or posted on certain topics.	

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FINAL PAPER REQUIREMENT IN LIEU OF EXAM: There will be no final 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 research topic of the student's choice that is pre-approved by the professor and related to the course. The Final Paper must be typewritten, 25 pages minimum (excluding citations), double-spaced, and properly cited using appropriate *Bluebook* format. A complete draft of the Final Paper must also be timely submitted for review in advance by April 10, 2018. **A hard copy of the revised Final Paper must be turned at the University of Houston Law Center O'Quinn Library (Ground Floor) at the Circulation Desk on or before May 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. (CT) in order to be considered timely. No emails of Final Papers will be accepted.** Students must also sign in and certify that they have timely submitted their Final Paper on the designated form for the course at the Circulation Desk.

NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE. ONCE THE PAPER HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE LIBRARY, IT MAY NOT BE RETREIVED OR RESUBMITTED.

ATTENDANCE: No more than 5 absences will be allowed during the semester. After the 5th absence, 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.

OFFICE HOURS: I will meet with students at a convenient time and location upon request. Please contact me directly to make an appointment.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS): CAPS can help students who are having difficulties managing stress, adjusting to the demands of a professional program, or feeling sad and hopeless. You can reach CAPS (www.uh.edu/caps) by calling 713-743-5454 during and after business hours for routine appointments or if you or someone you know is in crisis. No appointment is necessary for the "Let's Talk" program, a drop-in consultation service at convenient locations and hours around campus. http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets_talk.html