INTRODUCTION

During your second year, consider taking Administrative Law, Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, Oil and Gas Law, and Energy Law and Policy. These introductory courses will better prepare you for the advanced courses in this area. Avoid taking more than two heavily statutory courses at one time, unless you love reading and analyzing statutes.

Adjunct professors often teach highly specialized courses in this area, but it is sometimes difficult to predict when such courses will be offered. Thus, sign up for a specialized course when it is available because it may not be offered the following year.

The Law Center offers a Masters of Law (LL.M.) degree in Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Law. Thus, we usually offer a number of specialized courses in these areas in the evenings when most of our LL.M.’s attend classes. Courses of interest in growing areas of the legal profession include International Energy Transactions, International Environmental Law, and energy courses focusing on Electricity Restructuring or Competition Law.

SEQUENCING OF COURSES

Environmental/Natural Resources

For those of you most interested in the environmental/natural resources area, we recommend that you consider taking first Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, and Administrative Law. These courses serve as the basic building blocks for more specialized study in this area.

Some seminars have as a pre-requisite that you have taken either Environmental Law or Natural Resources Law or that you otherwise obtain permission from the professor.

Energy/Natural Resources

For those of you most interested in the energy/resources area, set out below is a recommended sequencing of courses. Note that the basic Environmental Law course is nonetheless essential.

Building blocks to more advanced courses:

- Oil and Gas—take before International Energy Transactions
- Energy Law and Policy (an overview course)
- Administrative Law
- Environmental Law
- Natural Resources (public lands) Law
- Antitrust
Advanced or sequenced courses:

- Energy Seminar—prerequisite is at least two courses from the first list, or permission of the instructor
- Environmental Seminars—some of the specialized topics, such as sustainable development, are also very relevant to an energy practice. Check with the instructor for how much freedom you have to pick an energy-related topic that fits into the general theme of the seminar.

Other:
- Project Finance—often offered by Professor Arbogast at the Bauer School of Business and open to a limited number of law students

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

On the next page, you will find descriptions of the courses that are regularly offered in the Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Law area. Many are offered every year and most are offered at least once every other year.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information about planning your course schedule in the Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Law area, visit—

Professor Marcilynn Burke  Anything in Environmental Law or Natural Resources Law  TUII – 134  (713) 743-2336

Professor Darren Bush  Anything in Energy Law, Deregulation and Competition in Electricity, and Antitrust  TUII – 126  (713) 743-3346

Associate Dean Victor Flatt  Anything in Environmental Law  Dean’s Suite  (713) 743-2227

Professor Sanford Gaines  Anything in Environmental Law, International Environmental Law, or International Trade  TUII – 220  (713) 743-2159

Professor Jacqueline Weaver  Anything in Oil and Gas, Energy Law, Water Law, or Natural Resources Law  TUII – 122  (713) 743-2158