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Master Course Syllabus Outline  

**Department:** Chemistry and Geosciences  
**Course Prefix/Number:** ENVS5003  
**Official Course Title:** The Regulatory Environment  

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I. Catalog Description  

A survey of local, state, national and international regulatory agencies to include their organization and authority. Case studies of environmental problems and legislated regulations are covered.  

II. Prerequisites  

Admission to graduate study  

III. Expanded Course Description  

The Regulatory Environment is concerned with statutory law, administrative regulation and judicial interpretation of the meaning and effect of those statutes and regulations that govern the way people interact with and manage the natural environment. The course is designed to introduce graduate students to the complexity of environmental law and the interplay of statute, regulation and judicial interpretation of the law. The course is required for graduate students in Environmental Science.  

IV. Intended Student Learning Outcomes  

**Knowledge Outcomes**  
Upon completion of the course students will:  
- Know how science and politics interact in the field of environmental law  
- Know how environmental law is formulated, administered and judged  
- Know the limits of law in developing environmental policy based on scientific principles  

**Skill outcomes**  
Upon completion of this course students will:  
- Know how to brief a court case  
- Know how to interpret legal terminology  
- Know how to apply legal principles to scientific problems
**Value outcomes**
Upon completion of this course students will:

- Understand why science, politics and law are uneasy bedfellows

V. Unless otherwise stipulated in this master syllabus by the department, the following items are subject to faculty discretion as described in each faculty member’s individual course outline/syllabus:

**A. Course Requirements**

Weekly reflection papers, discussion questions and briefs are required as is an end of term paper on a researchable topic involving environmental regulation. Oral presentation of the term paper and participation in weekly seminars is required. Attendance is required. Unexcused absences are penalized.

**B. Required Text**

*Environmental Policy Law*, by Schoenbaum, Rosenberg and Doremus. The 4th edition was used most recently.

Additional readings are assigned from time to time.

Department Head Signature/Date:

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