COURSE NAME: Environmental Compliance, Auditing and Permitting

COURSE NUMBER: 8773C

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ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Senior or graduate student status in engineering school or at least second year status in law school. This is a multidisciplinary class with students enrolled from several programs across the UMKC campus.

COURSE BOOKS:


RECOMMENDED: Handouts provided as necessary

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

120 question multiple choice final exam (50-60%); group project (25-35%) and class participation (10-15%); law students will have a short (approximately 20-30 minutes) essay portion in addition to the final multiple choice exam.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

This course covers the major environmental laws of the United States including CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Underground Storage Tanks, Brownfields and the National Environmental Policy Act as well as remediation technology and all appropriate inquiry criteria. Numerous guest lecturers who are experts in their respective fields will provide focused presentations on how these substantive legal issues are addressed on a practical basis.

COURSE CONTENT:

Each week we will cover a different substantive topic. The students are required to read the assigned chapter from the textbook or from the handout in preparation for the presentation. The class in highly participatory and students are encouraged to ask questions of the presenters to draw out issues that may require further elaboration. As noted above, we have frequent guest lecturers from U.S. EPA, local law firms, engineering firms and environmental consultants who are seasoned professionals in their respective fields.

COURSE OUTCOMES:
To gain a basic understanding of how the major environmental laws are implemented in this country from a highly practical perspective. Students completing the course will have gained practical knowledge that they can immediately implement in their careers as environmental professionals.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

Highly relevant if the student is considering a career in environmental law or engineering. This course will also provide students with excellent contacts in this community to further explore their career interests.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION:

Limited relevancy to state Bar Exam. Possible relevancy as regards administrative law topics.