COURSE NAME: Water Law

COURSE NUMBER: 8725

PROFESSOR: Ragsdale

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE BOOKS:
1) Water Law in a Nutshell by Getches
2) Water Resource Management, A Casebook in Law and Public Policy

MAJOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE:
History, common law, statutory development, Constitutional limitations and practical applications

METHOD OF GRADING AND APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Exam/Paper at student’s option

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
Private acquisition of water rights through riparian ownership and prior appropriation; public rights to water existent in bed ownership easements and trusts; ground water management; water distribution organizations; federal allocation and control of water resources; interstate allocation.

COURSE OUTCOMES IDENTIFIED AND DESIRED (PICK 5)
Interest
Enthusiasm
Sensitivity
Understanding
Wisdom
Enlightenment
Tactical proficiency
Integrity
Honesty
Responsibility
Obligation
Humor

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Significant for issues of rural property rights, urban liability issues, and recreational access. Especially important in Western U.S.