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THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL *of* LAW

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COURSE BOOKS & MATERIAL

Farber & Carlson, Environmental Law, 9th ed.

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVE

DESCRIPTION:

A study of how environmental law functions. The role of private and public law in addressing environmental issues. The role of legislatures, administrative agencies, and the judiciary. How the regulatory process works. Particular attention to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, and Hazardous Wastes.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide students with an understanding of how environmental law functions, so as to enable them to effectively handle matters relating to environmental law as practitioners and to serve as leaders of their communities with respect to environmental issues.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

To prepare students to answer proficiently essay questions relating to various aspects of environmental law.

GRADING

There will be a three hour essay exam at the end of the semester. Two-thirds of the final grade will be based on the exam, and one-third on class participation.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you require special accommodations, please fill out the necessary forms with the Dean's office. Your application and documentation will remain confidential. Your prompt attention will allow the law school to accommodate you, as soon as it has been made aware of your situation.

Please see:

http://www.tsulaw.edu/student_affairs/docs/2011-2012AccommodationsHandbook.pdf

PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & PROFESSIONALISM

Attendance will be taken at the start of each class based on a seating chart. The Law School's attendance policy will be enforced. The Student Rules and Regulations do **not** provide for excused absences under any circumstance(s).

Students are provided a certain number of absences per class, per semester that may be used/taken for any reason whatsoever. The allowed absences follow this formula: [number of credit hours x 2] - 1, (Example: 3(hrs.) x 2 = 6 - 1 = 5 allotted absences for a three hour course for the entire semester).

Once the allotted number of absences are exceeded, a student's grade may be reduced. To this affect, a list of each student's name and the number of absences is submitted to the Office of the Dean at the end of each semester. As such, a scale is applied in order to calculate the grade reduction so that the rule is implemented in a uniform manner.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER 2017 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)

Orientation Monday-Friday August 14-18, 2017

First Day of Class Monday August 21, 2017

Last Day to ADD/DROP Friday August 25, 2017

Labor Day (NO CLASSES) Monday September 4, 2017

Purge of all unpaid course selections Wednesday September 27, 2017

Mid Term Examinations Mon – Fri October 23-27, 2017

Thanksgiving Holiday Thurs – Fri November 23-24, 2017

Last Day of Classes Thursday November 30, 2017

Last Day to Drop a Class Thursday November 30, 2017

First Year Professors' Grades due Thursday November 30, 2017

***Legislative Tuesday Friday December 1, 2017**

***Legislative Wednesday Saturday December 2, 2017**

***Legislative Thursday Monday December 4, 2017**

***Legislative Friday Tuesday December 5, 2017**

Reading Day (NO CLASS) Wednesday December 6, 2017

Final Examinations Thursday- Friday December 7 -Dec. 15, 2017

Commencement Saturday December 16, 2017

***Legislative Days are make-up days from Hurricane Harvey August 28 – September 1, 2017**

SPRING SEMESTER 2018 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)

School Opens Tuesday January 2, 2018

First Day of Class Monday January 8, 2018

Last Day to ADD/DROP Wednesday January 10, 2018

M L K Holiday (No Classes) Monday January 15, 2018

Purge of all unpaid course selections Wednesday February 7, 2018

Mid Term Examinations Mon – Fri March 5– 9, 2018

Spring Break Mon – Fri March 12 – 16, 2018

Spring Break (University Closed) Mon-Wed March 12- 14, 2018

Good Friday (No Classes) Friday March 30, 2018

Last Day of Classes Wednesday April 25, 2018

Last Day to Drop a Class Wednesday April 25, 2018

First Year Professors' Grades due Wednesday April 25, 2018

Reading Period (**No Classes**) Thur. – Sun April 26 - 29, 2018

Final Examinations Mon- Fri April 30 – May 11, 2018

Hooping Ceremony Friday May 11, 2018

Commencement Saturday May 12, 2018



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POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Please reference the Thurgood Marshall School of Law [Student Rules and Regulations Handbook](#).

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Course Syllabus to be distributed at the beginning of the semester.