

## **International Law and the Environment**

PS454 / PS654 / NORS 654 Fall 2010

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<i>Meeting Time:</i>	Tuesdays 5:30pm- 8:30pm
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### **Course Scope and Objectives**

1. Weekly reading response memos:  
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### **Grading Scale:**

You will receive a percentage score for each assignment above, that can be translated into a letter grade according to the scale below. Plusses and minuses will be used in assigning term grades for this class, which will be calculated according to the relative weight of the different components of the course (see below).

If you are taking this class to fulfill a major requirement, please note that a final grade of C or better will be necessary for you to count this course towards completion of your major. Be aware that a final grade of C- will not fulfill such a requirement.

- **A+**: 98-100%
- **B+**: 87-89%
- **C+**: 77-79%
- **D+**: 67-69%
- **F**: below 60%
- A**: 93-97%
- B**: 83-86%
- C**: 73-76%
- D**: 63-66%
- A-**: 90-92%
- B-**: 80-82%
- C-**: 70-72%
- D-**: 60-62%

### **COURSE GRADING OVERVIEW**

	PS 454	PS/ NORS 654	PS/NORS 654 – Distance
Reading Response Memos	30%	20%	40%
Midterm	10%	10%	15%
Research Paper	(45%)	(50%)	(45%)
<i>Proposal</i>	5%	5%	5%
<i>Detailed outline</i>	5%	5%	10%
<i>Presentation</i>	10%	10%	N/A
<i>Final Submission</i>	25%	30%	30%
Attendance and Participation	15%	10%	N/A
Discussion leading	N/A	10%	N/A

### **Course Policies**

**1. Extensions and make-ups:** I understand that unforeseen events may arise that affect your ability to complete assignments, sit exams and/or take part in the class. In such a case, please let me know as soon as possible. If you think you have grounds for an extension on a writing assignment, it is your responsibility to contact me at the latest by noon the day before the assignment is due. Please note that if you do not arrange for an extension, late submission of any of the components of your research



## Tentative Course Schedule

Please note that this is a tentative course schedule and it will be adjusted over the course of the semester. Reading assignments, as well as pdfs of readings where appropriate, will be posted on Blackboard.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READINGS/DEADLINES</u>
9/7	Course Introduction	
9/14	International Environmental Law: Problems and Actors	1. Bodansky, Chapters 1 through 7 (p.1-153)
9/21	Negotiation and Implementation	1. Bodansky, Chapters 8 through Conclusion (p. 154-271) and review list of “treaties and other instruments” p.341-345 2. Text of World Heritage Convention
9/28	Strategies for Species Protection	1. Epstein. “The Making of Global Environmental Norms: Endangered Species Protection” in <i>Global Environmental Politics</i> . May 2006, Vol. 6, No. 2, Pages 32-54 2. Iliiff. 2008. “The International Whaling Regime post-2007” in <i>Marine Policy</i> Vol 32, pages 522-527 3. Gehring and Ruffing. “When Arguments Prevail over Power: The CITES Procedure for the Listing of Endangered Species” in <i>Global Environmental Politics</i> May 2008 Vol. 8 No. 2 Pages 123-148. 4. Fisher. 2009. “2010 and all that – looking forward to biodiversity conservation in 2011 and beyond” in <i>Oryx</i> 43 (4) pages 449-450 5. Text of the CITES Convention 6. Text of the ICRW
10/5	Chemicals and Waste	1. Selin. 2010. “Chapter 3: Global Chemicals Use and Management in an Historical Perspective” in <i>Global Governance of Hazardous Chemicals</i> Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. Pages 39-62 2. Selin. 2010. “Chapter 7: Stockholm Convention and Global POPs Controls” in <i>Global</i>

		meeting of the COP of Stockholm Convention Additional readings TBA
10/12	<b>TAKE HOME MIDTERM (no class session on 10/12)</b>	
10/19	Precaution	Readings TBA
10/26	Regulating the atmosphere: Ozone and Acid Rain	Readings TBA