

EEM 3121: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION LAW (3 CREDIT HOURS)

Purpose of the Course

In this course we will focus on environmental management in the community, regional and national context. The course will provide an overview of issues in contemporary environmental management and sustainability. It will also focus on conservation strategies and regulations for environmental protection.

Expected Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course, students should expect themselves to be able to:

1. Understand basic concepts in environmental management, and the scope and relevance of environmental management;
2. Investigate environmental planning at local, state and national scales
3. Understand the big picture of challenges facing environmental management and sustainability, and ways of seeing these challenges
4. Understand the main aspects of environmental governance and management
5. Demonstrate knowledge of law enforcement powers and authorities in natural resource and environmental laws

Course Content

- Principles of basic concepts and relevant legal terminology for managers and conservationists.
- Definition of an act of parliament, regulation, Section and Subsection of Act of parliament, rules and customs, nature of municipal/local authority bylaws.
- Existing statutes relevant to public policy making, administration and involvement of government and local authorities in resource use planning, and urban and regional planning; Land Control Act, Land Act, Land Registration Act, National Land Commission Act, Water Act Agriculture Act, Regional development authority specific Acts. Forest Act. Government Land Act, Trust Land Act. Local Government Act.

- Nature of local authority jurisdictions. The municipal concept and local government systems;
- African customary legal process and practices, structures and the notion of private individual and collective community.
- Concepts of arbitration and contract.

Mode of Delivery

Lectures, demonstrations, group/class discussions and practical exercises

Instructional Materials/ Equipment: Computer, writing boards, writing materials, projectors, etc.

Course Assessment

The course will be assessed in two parts:

- Coursework (continuous assessment tests) which will normally contribute 30% of the total mark
- Examination shall normally contribute 70% of the total mark

Core reading material for the course

1. R. Lazarus, *The Making of Environmental Law* (Cambridge Press 2014)
2. Bimal N. Patel, ed. (2015). *MCQ on Environmental Law*. ISBN 9789351452454
3. Farber & Carlson, eds. (2013). *Cases and Materials on Environmental Law, 9th*. West Academic Publishing. 1008 pp. ISBN 978-0314283986.
4. Faure, Michael, and Niels Philipsen, eds. (2014). *Environmental Law & European Law*. The Hague: Eleven International Publishing. 142 pp. ISBN 9789462360754

Recommended reference materials

1. Hardman Reis, T., *Compensation for Environmental Damages Under International Law*, Kluwer Law International, The Hague, 2011, [ISBN 978-90-411-3437-0](#).

2. ["IUCN Academy of Environmental Law"](#)
3. Olga Parkes, Paola Lettieri, I. David L. Bogle (2016). Defining a quantitative framework for evaluation and optimisation of the environmental impacts of mega-event projects. Journal of Environmental Management. *Volume 167, 1 February 2016, Pages 236-245*
4. Malik, Surender & Sudeep Malik, eds. (2015). Supreme Court on Environment Law. ISBN 9789351451914
5. Martin, Paul & Amanda Kennedy, eds. (2015). *Implementing Environmental Law*. Edward Elgar Publishing