

**University of Houston Law Center**  
**ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**  
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**Class Schedule and Location:** Class is scheduled for Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm CST, synchronously online via Zoom. The link will be emailed to you separately.

**Office Hours:** I am available to meet with students regularly via Microsoft Teams. You should feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions, concerns, or comments, or to schedule an appointment.

**Required Reading Material:** A packet of course information, select cases and laws, and slides is available on TEAMS.

**Course Material and Microsoft TEAMS:** I will post course material and communicate with students regularly on Microsoft TEAMS. Please make sure to check the website frequently.

**Learning Outcomes:** This writing seminar will explore pivotal issues involving the synergistic relationship between energy law and environmental law. The course will examine several critical topics of domestic and global importance associated with various sources of energy and the impact on natural resources and the environment. Students will choose a topic to explore in greater detail, and I expect that by the end of the course, you will have a broad understanding of the intersectionality of energy and the environment and a thorough knowledge of your chosen topic.

**Course Attendance and Participation:** Attendance will be taken each class. Consistent with university policy, 80 percent attendance in class is required. Those individuals not satisfying the attendance requirement will be reported to UH Law Center administrative officials to be dropped from the course. Students will be expected to have read the assigned readings prior to class (you will sign up for specific panels, which hopefully coincide with your topic interests) and to be prepared to discuss the material in class.

**Grade and Assessment Methods:** This is a writing course. You will be asked to immediately identify a relevant topic that you would be interested in researching more in depth. Your final grade will be based primarily on two components: (1) an oral presentation of your chosen (with approval) topic, which will count for 20% of your overall course grade; and (2) a 10,000-word (minimum) seminar paper, which will count for 80% of your overall course grade. [Additional details for both components will be provided during the semester]. Class preparation and participation are also required.

**Counseling and psychological services:** Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) can help students who are having difficulties managing stress, adjusting to the demands of a professional program, or feeling sad and hopeless. You can reach CAPS ([www.uh.edu/caps](http://www.uh.edu/caps)) by calling 713-743-5454 during and after business hours for routine appointments or if you or someone you know is in crisis. No appointment is necessary for the “Let's Talk” program, a drop-in consultation service at convenient locations and hours around campus. [http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets\\_talk.html](http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets_talk.html).

**Sexual Misconduct and Antidiscrimination Policies:** The University is committed to maintaining and strengthening an educational, working and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from discrimination and sexual misconduct. If you have experienced an incident of discrimination or sexual misconduct, there is a confidential reporting process available to you. For more information, please refer to the University system's Anti-Discrimination Policy SAM 01.D.07 and Sexual Misconduct Policy SAM 01.D.08, available here: <http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/uhs-policies/sams/01-general-information/index.php>; [http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/\\_docs/sam/01/1d7.pdf](http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/_docs/sam/01/1d7.pdf) (antidiscrimination); [http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/\\_docs/sam/01/1d8.pdf](http://www.uhsystem.edu/compliance-ethics/_docs/sam/01/1d8.pdf) (sexual misconduct). Please be aware that under the sexual misconduct policy, SAM 01.D.08, faculty are required to report to the University any information received regarding sexual misconduct as defined in the policy. Please note that the reporting obligations under the sexual misconduct policy reach to employees and students. Also, as a required reporting party, Law Center employees and faculty members are not a confidential resource.

**Reading Assignments:** Reading assignments are forthcoming.