

Marine Law and Policy

PSC 348 /MAR 599

Summer 2008

Meeting Time: Monday (6-9pm), online.

June 2, 2008 – July 22, 2008 (7 week course)

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Course Goals

This course is an exploration into the subject matter of Marine Law and Policy. The goals of the course are to expose students to the interrelations between law and policy within the context of the marine environment. The course is divided into an initial understanding of policy principles, and then explores the unique legal context in which marine issues are analyzed. The hope is to give students a broad understanding of the unique legal requirements in the coastal and marine zone. Students who complete this course are prepared to analyze coastal/marine issues from a law and policy perspective.

Requirements

1. **Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory. This is a **blended course**, which means part of the course is completed online, and another part is completed through a weekly meeting. A discussion board question will be placed at the end of each week of materials. You are expected to answer this question online, and be prepared to fully discuss it during our personal meetings. The mix of answering the question online (timely), and the live discussions will form the basis for your “class participation” grade.
2. **Online Access:** Necessary course materials will be housed at “MyCourses” (formerly WebCT). The address to the site is: dartmouth.umassonline.net. The username is password is *exactly* the same as your UMass Dartmouth email username and password. All of your online courses are located at this site.
3. **Outside Readings/Personal Interests:** Students are encouraged to develop a dialogue in class based on outside readings, experiences, or personal interests that are related to the subject matter. Because we are dealing with subjects of health, welfare, and justice (“sustainability”), each student undoubtedly has personal experiences/viewpoints that will add to the discussion. You are encouraged to share such viewpoints.

Required Readings

Christie, Donna R: *Coastal and Ocean Management Law in a Nutshell*. Thompson/West (2007).

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Handouts and Web-postings. **These readings will be provided throughout the semester.**

Suggested Readings

Posted online, and suggested throughout the semester.

Student Behavior/Conduct

UMass-Dartmouth has developed a detailed student handbook to deal with various issues of student behavior. Each student should consult this resource for a better understanding of issues surrounding academic dishonesty. Any perceived negative behavior in this class will result in the student being reported and disciplined. I strive to treat each student as an adult, and will do so unless I am given a reason to act otherwise.

Course Outline

Week	Topic
One (6.2.08 thru 6.8.08)	Policy Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kraft, A “model” for policy analysis (handout)• Stone, “The Policy Paradox” (Goals of Policy)
Two (6.9.08 thru 6.15.08)	Public and Private Rights in the Coastal Zone/Access <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christie, Chapter 1• Christie, Chapter 2
Three (6.16.08 thru 6.22.08)	Management of Coastal Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christie, Chapter 3
Four (6.23.08 thru 6.29.08)	Offshore Resource Management (Fisheries, Marine Mammals, and Endangered Species) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christie, Chapter 4, pgs. 188 – 275<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ <i>You can read the first part of the chapter if you are specifically interested in “other” marine resources (oil, gas, etc.).</i>
Five (6.30.08 thru 7.6.08)	Pollution and the Marine Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christie, Chapter 5
Six (7.7.08 thru 7.13.08)	Domestic Ocean Policy and the Law of the Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christie, Chapter 6
Seven (7.14.08 thru 7.20.08)	The Future of US Ocean and Coastal Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christie, Chapter 7• Ecosystem-Based Management

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<u>Grading</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Class Participation	25%
Assignments/Presentation	25%
Midterm	20%
Final/Paper	30%

There will be three or four short **assignments** throughout the course. Both the assignment and due dates will be clearly established. Graduate students will be required to submit a presentation to the class regarding their **paper**, which will be a combination of their personal research, and how this area is affected by marine law and policy.

The **Midterm** will be given during the fourth week of class (June 23, 2008).

The **Final** will be made available during week seven, and will be due the last day of class (July 22, 2008). It will consist of short answers, and possibly a mini-essay. In lieu of a final, graduate students will complete a paper for submission. The paper will be at least 15 pages, double-spaced, and will discuss how marine law and policy affects their area of interest. Undergraduates will **only** have a final exam.

All of these grading components will be more clearly discussed throughout the semester.

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