Law 272.9  
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Hearst Annex B-5  
2 units  
Monday, 3:20-5:10 pm  

Climate change will be a core concern that will influence policy and economic activity for years to come. It raises classic issues of distributional justice, law and science, risk, uncertainty and precaution, technology policy, and international relations. Students will leave this course with an understanding of the sources and impacts of climate change, the key state, national and international policies, and the role of law.

The grade will be based on the final paper and the class presentation.

The casebook will be Chris Wold, David Hunter, and Melissa Powers, CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LAW (LexisNexis 2009). Additional readings will be posted on http://bspace.berkeley.edu

NOTE: This syllabus is preliminary. In particular, the last four classes may need to be revamped, depending on the number of students in the class.

January 11 - Climate Science – Professor Inez Fung  
Reading: Casebook pp. 5-28

January 18 - Martin Luther King Day

January 25 - The economics of climate change – Professor Michael Hanemann  
Reading: Casebook pp. 30-39, 81-954.

January 28 9-12, CITRIS building Conference on “Forging a Global Response to Climate Change” (substitutes for Feb. 1 class)  
Reading: Casebook 69-81

February 1 - no class (Jan. 28 conference is substitute)

February 8 - Energy generation Professor Steve Weissman (confirmed)  
Reading: Casebook pp. 694-715
February 15 - Presidents Day Holiday – no class

February 22 - Transportation and biofuels  Professor Michael O’Hare (invited)
   Reading: Casebook pp. 753-766, 775-782

March 1 - Climate federalism
   Reading: Casebook pp. 827-851.

March 8 - Biodiversity and the Endangered Species Act Professor Holly Doremus (confirmed)
   Reading: Casebook pp. pp. 609-630.

March 15 Climate Litigation
   Reading: Casebook pp. 596-519,795-806

March 22 -- Spring Break—no class

March 29 -- Nuclear power. Professor Per Peterson (confirmed)
   Reading: Casebook 678-682

April 5 - Federal legislation
   Reading: Casebook pp. 53-69

April 12 – Student presentations
April 19 -- Student presentations
April 26 -- Student presentations
April 27 -- Student presentations

May 13 Exams End

Topics: the clean air act, other federal statutes, pending legislation, negotiations, litigation issues, state regulation, adaptation, transportation, renewables