SEDV 619: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN THE ENERGY SECTOR
General legal concepts, administrative law, aspects and sources of environmental law, environmental decision making, international agreements and treaties, and model legislation.

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Course Objective:
The course will examine Canadian provincial and federal environmental laws and international environmental law in the context of energy development. The course content will include both a theoretical framework and applied cases. By the end of the course students will become aware of Canadian and international environmental laws and policies and be able to analyze environmental issues in the context of provincial and federal legislation, regulations and case law that govern energy development in Canada.

Topics Covered (Selected):
- Basic concepts of law, legal systems, public and private law, environmental law
- Environmental responsibilities
- Environmental rights
- International context of environmental laws and policies
- Civil liability
- Environmental regulations and approvals
- Compliance and administrative enforcement
- Offences, prosecution and penalties
- Corporate environmental obligations and directors’ and officers’ liability
- Environmental evaluation
- Remediation and reclamation
- Environmental assessment and public participation
- Toxic substances
- Legal protection of spaces and species
- Consultation, alternative dispute resolution and voluntary measures
- Economic instruments
- Environmental reporting and information sources
- Climate change

Learning Outcomes:
- Evaluate competing values and stakeholder expectations in energy development and environmental protection when making complex decisions.
- Analyze the different energy and environmental policies and laws and implications for Alberta and Canada.
- Analyze and critically evaluate legal, social, economic and environmental perspectives that can arise in energy development and environmental protection and the management of decision-making process and the relevant legislation and judicial decisions.
- Recognize the constitutionally entrenched legal rights of indigenous peoples and the consultation and accommodation implications for energy development, environmental protection and sustainable development in Canada.