



COURSE OUTLINE: NRL150 - FED/PROV LEGIS - ENV

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Course Code: Title	NRL150: FED/PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION-ENVIRONMENTAL
Program Number: Name	5007: NAT RES/ENV ENFORCE
Department:	NATURAL RESOURCES PRG
Academic Year:	2025-2026
Course Description:	This course leads students through an in-depth review of provincial and federal environmental acts and regulations. Students will learn how to locate, interpret and analyze various provincial and federal acts, regulations and cases, based on current case outcomes and legal precedents.
Total Credits:	3
Hours/Week:	3
Total Hours:	42
Prerequisites:	NRL215
Corequisites:	There are no co-requisites for this course.
This course is a pre-requisite for:	NRL215
Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLO's) addressed in this course:	5007 - NAT RES/ENV ENFORCE
Please refer to program web page for a complete listing of program outcomes where applicable.	VLO 1 Extend the resource technician`s knowledge into the field of natural resource and recreational law, local, national and international.
	VLO 2 Introduce the student to the Canadian System of Justice as it relates to natural resources and recreation.
	VLO 3 Familiarize the student with the history of law enforcement.
	VLO 4 Familiarize the student with the more common violations encountered by the Conservation Officer, the Deputy Conservation Officer, the Park Warden, and Inspector, by using interpretation of the legislation and its intent using modules, sequential analysis and case study.
	VLO 5 Instruct the student in the power of arrest, search and seizure under the various statutes.
	VLO 6 Familiarize the student with the laws of evidence and judicial procedures.
	VLO 7 Provide instruction on the proper use of legal documents, the proper techniques used while investigating a common type of offence, the keeping of proper notes, collecting and preserving of evidence and the preparation of crown briefs.
	VLO 8 Prepare the student for the final step in a prosecution.
Essential Employability Skills (EES) addressed in this course:	EES 1 Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.
	EES 2 Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication.



- EES 5 Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.
- EES 7 Analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.
- EES 8 Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others.
- EES 9 Interact with others in groups or teams that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.
- EES 10 Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.
- EES 11 Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.

General Education Themes: Civic Life

Course Evaluation: Passing Grade: 50%, D

A minimum program GPA of 2.0 or higher where program specific standards exist is required for graduation.

Other Course Evaluation & Assessment Requirements: Academic success is directly linked to attendance. Missing more than 1/3 of class hours in a semester shall result in an F grade for the course.

Course Outcomes and Learning Objectives:

Course Outcome 1	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 1
Interpret and display a general knowledge of Canadian and Ontario Environmental Control Legislation in context of current environmental issues.	1.1 Federal Provincial Jurisdictional Issues 1.2 Understand significant environmental legal case precedents 1.3 Environmental Penalties 1.4 Directors Orders 1.5 Provincial Officers Orders 1.6 Power of Inspectors 1.7 Power of investigation 1.8 Voluntary abatement and mandatory abatement 1.9 II&E Code of Professionalism Compliance policies PIBS 6248 1.10 Permits (ONMA, EPA, OWRA, PA) 1.11 Training and licensing 1.12 Spill and Spiller response requirements
Course Outcome 2	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 2
Interpret, display and apply a general knowledge of Canadian and Ontario Environmental Consultation Legislation in context of current environmental issues and explain First Nations` role in the process.	2.1 Role of First Nations - The Sparrow case What constitutes meaningful consultation? 2.2 Ontario Bill of Rights and the Environmental Registry 2.3 The Ontario EA process: Classes, Full EA 2.4 The Federal EA process 2.5 Combining the EA processes 2.6 Hearings and Tribunals 2.7 The Role of the Environmental Commissioner
Course Outcome 3	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 3
Display a general knowledge of Canadian and Ontario Environmental Promotional Legislation in context of current	3.1 OWRA (e.g. Water and Sewer Infrastructure funding) 3.2 Powers of the Ministers 3.3 The Role of Municipalities 3.4 Industry Best Practices ISO



	environmental issues.	
	Course Outcome 4	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 4
	Understand and Access Federal and Provincial Environmental Legislation.	4.1 Understand the importance of terms and definitions in Acts and Regulations 4.2 Understand the interaction and hierarchy of environmental legislation 4.3 Access E-Laws and other sources of legislation 4.4 Develop skill in interpretation of complex legislation, policies and guidelines
	Course Outcome 5	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 5
	Develop presentations and demonstrate delivery skills from case studies: Student demonstrate proficiency by providing a 15 minute presentation/case study on an issue related to one of the major Canadian or Ontario Environmental Acts to their peers.	5.1 Understand the importance of presenting and explaining complex environmental law related issues in a manner that clients and the public can understand and act on 5.2 Examine the public policy decision balancing issues 5.3 Display a sound knowledge of a researched issue 5.4 Handle questions and different points of view on issues
Evaluation Process and Grading System:	Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight
	Final Exam	20%
	Presentation	20%
	Quiz #1	20%
	Quiz #2	20%
	Quiz #3	20%
Date:	August 20, 2025	
Addendum:	Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.	