



COURSE OUTLINE: NRT240 - NATURAL RESOURCE LAW

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Course Code: Title	NRT240: NATURAL RESOURCES LAW
Program Number: Name	5212: ADVENTURE RECREATION 5214: FISH/WILD CONSERVATN 5220: NAT ENVIRONMENT TN 5230: FORESTRY TECHNICIAN
Department:	NATURAL RESOURCES PRG
Academic Year:	2025-2026
Course Description:	This course provides an introduction to the legal framework governing the management, use, and conservation of natural resources. Students will review both federal, and provincial legislation that relates to the natural environment. Students will prepare for a working knowledge of natural resource legislation including how to navigate Acts and associated Regulations, how legislation affects resource management principles, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Indigenous Rights as they pertain to Natural Resources, and significant case law. Powers of officers will be highlighted in legislation with respect to search, seizure and arrest.
Total Credits:	2
Hours/Week:	2
Total Hours:	28
Prerequisites:	There are no pre-requisites for this course.
Corequisites:	There are no co-requisites for this course.
Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLO's) addressed in this course:	5212 - ADVENTURE RECREATION VLO 1 Demonstrate clear, concise and industry appropriate written, spoken and visual communication skills. VLO 3 Describe how the six park systems in Ontario are managed and operated. VLO 6 Demonstrate a sound understanding of the significance of the Adventure Recreation and Parks Industry including relevant legislation, trends and issues. VLO 8 Demonstrate an understanding of sustainable development and apply the foundations in the natural environment. VLO 10 Evaluate and apply current technologies and mathematical concepts used to collect, manage and analyze data. 5214 - FISH/WILD CONSERVATN VLO 1 Demonstrate clear, concise and industry appropriate written, spoken and visual communication skills VLO 5 Start and manage their careers in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation field. VLO 6 Understand the importance of managing fish and wildlife resources in Ontario and



related federal, provincial and municipal legislation.

- VLO 7 Recognize the contributions and applications of various science disciplines in the understanding of natural environments.
- VLO 8 Demonstrate an understanding of sustainable development and apply these principles to the natural environment.
- VLO 11 Analyze, evaluate and apply subjective and objective safety considerations.

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- VLO 3 Apply the basic concepts of science to natural resource conservation and management.
- VLO 6 Practice principles and ethics associated with natural resource conservation and management issues.
- VLO 8 Complete all work in compliance with applicable municipal, provincial and federal standards and guidelines.
- VLO 9 Contribute to the implementation of natural resource conservation and management.
- VLO 11 Communicate technical information accurately and effectively in oral, written and visual forms.
- VLO 13 Apply awareness of global environmental issues to conservation and management of natural resources.

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- VLO 8 Work independently and in a collaborative environment while applying effective teamwork, leadership and interpersonal skills.
- VLO 9 Communicate technical information to a variety of stakeholders in oral, written, visual and electronic forms.
- VLO 10 Develop strategies for ongoing professional development to enhance work performance in the forestry sector.

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 4 Apply a systematic approach to solve problems.
- EES 5 Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.
- EES 6 Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems.
- 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 Social and Cultural Understanding												
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 the course hours in a semester shall result in a F Grade for this Course. Missed tests will only be made up with valid documentation supporting absence, and approved by instructor. Missed quizzes will not be made up. Late assignments will only be accepted up to 2 days late with a 20% penalty. Assignments will not be accepted after 2 days.												
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	Course Outcome 4	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 4
	4. Demonstrate an awareness of emerging trends and issues in Natural Resources Law.	4.1 Read and collect a wide variety of current written material related to natural resources law. 4.2 Analyze case law related to natural resource management. 4.3 Select significant articles that are directly related to the Natural Resources Law course. 4.4 Provide brief critical comments on each of the collected articles. 4.5 Apply legal principles to hypothetical scenarios involving natural resources related legislation.
	Course Outcome 5	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 5
	5. Demonstrate an awareness and respect for Indigenous and Treaty rights in Canada as they apply to Natural Resources Law.	5.1 Review the importance of the Constitution Act 1982. 5.2 Review historical documents related to aboriginal law. 5.3 Collect information describing treaty areas and treaty rights. 5.4 Review case law from various sources and identify significant cases for natural resource use. 5.5 Review traditional Indigenous harvesting activities

Evaluation Process and Grading System:

Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight
Assignments	20%
Final Exam	20%
Quizzes/Worksheets	30%
Tests	30%

Date:

August 21, 2025

Addendum:

Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.

