

**SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY**

**SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO**



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**COURSE OUTLINE**

**COURSE TITLE:** Natural Resources Law  
**CODE NO. :** NRT 240 **SEMESTER:** 12S  
**PROGRAM:** Forestry, Fish & Wildlife, Parks & Outdoor Recreation Technician  
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**APPROVED:**

"B.Punch"

		CHAIR	DATE
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	3		
<b>PREREQUISITE(S):</b>			
<b>HOURS/WEEK:</b>	2		

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**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will acquaint natural resource students with pertinent issues in the Canadian and Ontario justice systems and enforcement procedures. Students will be required to have a working knowledge of the content and significance of legislation related to forest resource use. A section will be devoted to aboriginal rights related to natural resources. Compliance monitoring and enforcement protocols will be emphasized.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

Learning Outcomes: Students will

1. Distinguish between the roles of Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments (designated by the BNA Act) as they apply to officer power and procedure.
2. Access and interpret Provincial & Federal natural resource legislation related to:
  - Use of forests and forest resources
  - Use and protection of the environment
  - Use of park lands and wild lands
  - Conservation of fish and game
3. Demonstrate an awareness of the duties of a natural resources enforcement officer with respect to preparation and participation in courtroom activities based on the violation of any natural resource legislation.
4. Demonstrate an awareness of current events in Natural Resources Law.
5. Describe the evolution of treaty and aboriginal rights in Ontario as they apply to Natural Resources Law;

**Potential Elements of the Performance**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Distinguish between the roles of Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments (designated by the BNA Act) as they apply to officer power and procedure.

Potential Elements of the Performance

- Read a summation of the BNA Act
- Collect information from reference material
- Distinguish between Federal/Provincial/Municipal statutes

Summarize key points in chart format based on enforcement duties, courts responsible, types of resources

**This learning outcome will constitute 10% of the course's final grades.**

2. Access and interpret Provincial and Federal natural resource legislation related to:

- Use of forests and forest resources
- Use and protection of the environment
- Use of park lands and wild lands
- Conservation of fish and game

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Use the internet and L.R.C. to locate and summarize pertinent legislation that applies to Natural Resources
- Evaluate material for inclusion
- Summarize the intent and key sections of important Acts, Statutes or policies
- Interpret and solve case studies and scenarios that deal with the following legislation:
  - The Provincial Offenses Act
  - The Criminal Code of Canada
  - The Youth Criminal Justice Act
  - The Crown Forest Sustainability Act
  - The Forestry Act
  - The Fisheries Act & The Ontario Fishery Regulations
  - The Migratory Birds Convention Act and Regulations
  - The Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act & Regulations
  - WAPPRITTA & CITES
  - Aggregate Resources Act
  - Public Lands Act
  - The Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act and Regulations

**This learning outcome will constitute 50% of the course's grade.**

3. Demonstrate an awareness of the basic duties of a natural resources enforcement officer with respect to preparation and participation in courtroom activities based on the violation of any natural resource legislation.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

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- Review officer procedures to initiate charges re: violation
- Discuss field investigation procedures re: compliance
- Organize proper documents in preparation for courtroom appearance
- Discuss role and appropriateness of offense notice, summons or appearance notice
- Attend a courtroom in progress to observe protocol and procedures

**This learning outcome will constitute 20% of the course's grade.**

4. Demonstrate an awareness of current events in Natural Resources Law.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Read and collect a wide variety of current written material related to natural resources law
- Search the Internet for relevant case law
- Select significant articles that are directly related to the natural resources law course
- Provide brief critical comments on each of the collected articles
- Arrange the article in an indexed format to describe current events in law.

**This learning outcome will constitute 5% of the course's grade.**

5. Describe the evolution of treaty and aboriginal rights in Ontario as they apply to Natural Resources Law.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify historical documents related to aboriginal law
- Collect information describing treaty areas and treaty rights
- Review case law from various sources and identify significant cases for natural resource use
- Summarize and comment on the "Ontario Interim Enforcement Guidelines for Aboriginal people"

**This learning outcome will constitute 15% of the course's grade.**

**III. TOPICS:**

1. The History of Natural Resource Law
2. The application of Native Legislation in the context of the BNA and the Constitution Act 1982
3. Laws and Their Application
4. Statutes and Regulations That Protect Our Forests.
5. Statutes and Regulations That Protect Our Parks and Public Lands
6. Statutes and Regulations That Protect the Environment
7. Statutes and Regulations That Protect Our Fish & Wildlife

**IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

1. Study Guide for Natural Resources Law (Bookstore)
2. The Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act and Regulations(Bookstore or Internet)
3. The Forest Fire Prevention Act ( Bookstore or Internet)
4. Ontario Hunting/Fishing Regulation summaries (Hand-out or Internet)
5. The Charter of Rights (hand-out or Internet)
6. The Crown Forest Sustainability Act (Hand-out or Internet)
7. Others as required

**V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:**

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>10%</b>
#1 Term Paper	
 Term Tests (2)	 <b>60 %</b>
Final Exam	<b>30%</b>

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary courses:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<i>Grade Point Equivalent</i>
A+	90 – 100%	
A	80 – 89%	4.00
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	

U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.

## VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

### Disability Services:

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

### Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

### Communication:

The College considers **WebCT/LMS** as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the **Learning Management System** communication tool.

### Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of "academic dishonesty" in *Student Code of Conduct*. Students who engage in academic dishonesty will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

### Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

### Tuition Default

Students who have defaulted on the payment of tuition (tuition has not been paid in full, payments were not deferred or payment plan not honoured) as of the first week of November will be removed from placement and clinical activities. This may result in loss of mandatory hours or incomplete course work. Sault College will not be responsible for incomplete hours or outcomes that are not achieved or any other academic requirement not met as of the result of tuition default. Students are encouraged to communicate with Financial Services with regard to the status of their tuition prior to this deadline to ensure that their financial status does not interfere with academic progress.

## **VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:**

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit Form from the program coordinator (for course-specific courses), or the course coordinator (for general education courses), or the program's academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.