



# THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, AKURE

## *Department of Ecotourism and Wildlife Management*

### **EWM 504 - Environmental Laws, Policy and Administration**

#### **COURSE PARTICULARS**

**Course Code:** EWM 504

**Course Title:** Environmental Laws, Policy and Administration

**No. of Units:** 2

**Course Duration:** Two hours of theory per week for 15 weeks.

**Status:** Compulsory

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**Course Webpage:** <http://www.fwt.futa.edu.ng/courseschedule.php?coursecode=FWT%20204>

**Prerequisite:** NIL

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is basically designed primarily for students in ecotourism and wildlife management. However, it also meets the need of students in other environmental management fields. The focus is to impart useful knowledge and skills on the students in order to enhance their understanding level in environmental laws, policy and administration. Topics to be covered include significance or role of environmental law, prerequisites for effective national environmental law, environmental conservation laws and regulation, enforcement tools, liability and compensation regimes related to environmental damage and agencies responsible for natural resources protection in Nigeria.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this course are to:

- introduce students to the concepts and principles of environmental laws; and
- provide students with opportunities to develop basic knowledge with respect to laws and regulations on maritime, mining, land use, petroleum exploitation, forestry and wildlife.
- provide students with opportunities to develop basic knowledge with respect to enforcement tools on environmental laws and regulations.

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / COMPETENCIES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

*(Knowledge based)*

- understand the concepts, purpose, functions and significance of environmental laws;
- Highlight environmental conservation laws and regulations;
- understand the importance and tools of environmental law enforcement;
- state the agencies saddled with environmental natural resources protection in Nigeria;

*(Skills)*

- Students will acquire a set of basic skills and problem-solving tools that enable them to tackle complex environmental conservation problems.
- Students will also acquire written and oral advocacy skills in environmental-related laws
- Students will gain hands-on practical experience integrating and applying these accumulated skills in real-world situations.

## GRADING SYSTEM FOR THE COURSE

This course will be graded as follows:

Class Attendance	10%
Assignments	10%
Test(s)	20%
<u>Final Examination</u>	<u>60%</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

**Attendance:** It is expected that every student will be in class for lectures and also participates in all assignments and tests. Attendance records will be kept and used to determine each person's qualification to sit for the final examination. In case of illness or other unavoidable cause of absence, the student must communicate as soon as possible with any of the instructors, indicating the reason for the absence.

**Academic Integrity:** Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances are prohibited. You are not allowed to make copies of another person's work and submit it as your own; that is plagiarism. All cases of academic dishonesty will be reported to the University Management for appropriate sanctions in accordance with the guidelines for handling students' misconduct as spelt out in the Students' Handbook.

**Assignments and Group Work:** Students are expected to submit assignments as scheduled. Failure to submit an assignment as at when due will earn you zero for that assignment. Only under extenuating circumstances, for which a student has notified any of the instructors in advance, will late submission of assignments be permitted.

**Code of Conduct in Lecture Rooms and Laboratories:** Students should turn off their cell phones during lectures. Students are prohibited from engaging in other activities (such as texting, watching videos, etc.) during lectures. Food and drinks are not permitted in the classroom.

## READING LIST

<sup>4</sup>Aina, E.O.A. (eds.) (1991). *The Making of the Nigerian Environmental Policy*. FEPA Monograph 1, FEPA, Lagos. 329p.

<sup>4</sup>Kurukulasuriya, L. and Robinson, N.A. (eds) (n.d). *Training Manual on International Environmental Law*. Published by UNEP.

<sup>4</sup>UNEP (2006). *Manual on Compliance with Enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements*. UNEP

### Legend

- 1- Available in the University Library
- 2- Available in Departmental/School Libraries
- 3- Available on the Internet.
- 4- Available as Personal Collection
- 5- Available in local bookshops.

## COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Topic	Remarks
1	Definition of Terms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment</li> <li>• Law</li> <li>• Environmental Law</li> <li>• Policy</li> <li>• Administration</li> </ul>	During this first class, the expectation of the students from the course will also be documented.
2 & 3	Significance or role of environmental law Sources of environmental laws Foundations of national environmental laws Prerequisites for effective environmental laws	Students will be exposed to the significance, sources, foundations, and prerequisites of national environmental laws.
4 & 5	Principles and concepts of international environmental law	Lectures will highlight the principles and concepts of international environmental law
6 & 7	Environmental conservation laws and regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maritime laws</li> <li>• Land use laws</li> <li>• Mining laws</li> <li>• Petroleum exploitation laws</li> <li>• Forestry laws</li> <li>• Wildlife laws</li> </ul>	Lectures will lay emphasis on various environmental conservation laws
8 & 9	Enforcement terms Importance of compliance and environmental enforcements Components of enforcement programme	Lectures will be on enforcement terms, importance and components of enforcements.
		<b>MID-SEMESTER TEST</b>
10 & 11	Principles of enforcement programme Environmental offences Enforcement tools.	Lectures will lay emphasis on environmental offences and enforcement tools.

12 & 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liability and compensation regimes related to environmental damage</li> </ul>	Students will be exposed to various forms of liability and compensation regimes that are related to environmental damage.
14	<p>Agencies saddled with environmental/natural resources protection in Nigeria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National agencies</li> <li>• International agencies</li> <li>• National and international conservation interest groups</li> <li>• Environmental treaties and agreements to which Nigeria is a signatory</li> </ul>	Agencies responsible for environmental protection in Nigeria will be highlighted.
15	REVISION	This is the week preceding the final examination. At this time, evaluation will be done to assess how far the students' expectations for the course have been met.