

What: CRIJ 4389 – Environmental Crime and Justice

Who: Instructor: Lynn M. Greenwood, PhD

When: August 22 - December 9, 2022

Where: Online (Canvas)

Why: Why not?! This is an elective course, so you probably chose it because it sounded exciting or met some elective need, and nothing else was available. Or it's online, and you need an online elective. Or you saw I was teaching the course and wanted me as your professor. Who knows!

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How do I get in touch with you, Dr. Greenwood?

- Office location: 204D Heritage Hall
- Phone number: 512-525-9173*
- Email: lgreenwood@tamuct.edu **
 - Canvas email is also okay
- Office hours: available by appointment – email for appointments. All office hours will be conducted through Webex.

*Please, if you call me, recognize that this is my personal phone number and act accordingly. If you leave a message, identify yourself, or I probably won't return your call. *Text messages are preferred to phone calls.*

**Please, please, please, if you email me, identify yourself and the class you are emailing me about! If you don't, I probably won't respond.

So, what's this course all about?

Course Description

This course focuses on environmental harms and crimes from a socio-legal perspective. Students will be introduced to the scope and prevalence of environmental harms and crimes from an international perspective, environmental law and regulation, and issues in environmental justice. Specific topics of discussion will include green criminology, transnational environmental concerns, and how societies' cultures, economies, and unequal distributions of resources are related to environmental crimes.

Course Objectives

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a general understanding of environmental crime and victimization
- Identify and describe threats to human health and sustainability
- Explain the complexity of defining and combating environmental crime and harm
- Describe the transnational nature of environmental crime
- Identify how societies' cultures, economies, and unequal distributions of resources are related to environmental crimes

What book do I need for the class?

Bergin, T. & Orlando, E. (Eds.). (2017). *Forging a socio-legal approach to environmental harms: Global perspectives*. Routledge. ISBN: 9781138936638

Is this book required?

Yes.

Supplementary Materials:

Students will receive additional reading and viewing materials throughout the semester to enhance, expand, and aid in assignments.

This is an online course, right?

Yes. This course uses the TAMUCT CANVAS system. To successfully complete this course, you must have reliable and frequent access to a computer and the Internet. In addition, you must be able to access Canvas. If you are unfamiliar with Canvas, a Canvas Student Quick Start Guide is found in the Orientation Module in Canvas. Do not contact your instructor with non-course-related issues regarding Canvas; contact the help desk for Canvas-related issues.

What else do I need to know about an online course?

- This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system.
- **It is strongly recommended that you use the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.**
 - **Accessing Canvas:** Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [<https://tamuct.onecampus.com/>]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.
 - Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

- **Canvas notifications:** You should opt-in to Canvas notifications. To opt-in to notifications (and other items), log in to Canvas, click on your account, click on notifications, and opt-in to the things you wish to receive messages about. At a minimum, you should select announcements, grading, and conversations (this is the Canvas name for mail).
- **University email:** You should claim and use your university email account. All university-level announcements are delivered to your university email. You may miss important announcements and information if you do not check your university email regularly. In addition, you should communicate with professors using your university email.
- **Canvas Support**
 - Use the Canvas Help link at the bottom of the left-hand menu for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.
- **Other Technology Support**
 - For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central
 - 24 hours a day, seven days a week
 - Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu
 - Phone: (254) 519-5466
 - [Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [http://hdc.tamu.edu]
 - *Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*
- For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

What should I expect from the instructor?

- This is an online course, so most communication between the instructor and students will be online. Students are welcomed and encouraged to make an appointment for an online video appointment.
- I will be checking and replying to student emails daily - students should expect a response within 24 hours. Emails sent on a weekend will be responded to the following Monday unless it is a holiday. Any deviations from this will be announced in Canvas. During daytime working hours, emails will be responded to more quickly, and other methods of communication can also be utilized if pre-arranged (e.g., Canvas chat or Webex video chat).
- Most assignments will be graded within one week of submission. Writing assignments will be graded within two weeks of submission, depending on the length. Deviations from this will be announced in Canvas. All grades will be posted in Canvas. Feedback on writing assignments will be provided in Canvas*. Students are encouraged to track their progress in the course through the Canvas grade book.

- *You cannot see feedback on the Canvas mobile app; you must use a computer to see feedback on written assignments.
- *Grading of written assignments: I will provide detailed feedback on the first few paragraphs/first page of any written work; I will not mark all writing issues. I will give general feedback for the entire assignment.*

What do I have to do to pass this course?

Discussions (0-15 points; 195 points total)

- There will be 13 discussions over the course of the semester.
- See calendar for due dates. See individual discussions for assignment details.

Exams (0-100 points; 300 points total)

- There will be three exams. Exam questions will come from the readings and information presented on the discussion boards. See calendar for due dates.

How do I submit assignments?

- All assignments must be submitted through Canvas.
- Discussion/journal responses and exam answers should be typed in the text boxes provided in Canvas. Do not attach a document to discussion boards. The best practice would be to write everything in a Word document first, then copy and paste it into the discussion box; save this work.

What about extra credit?

There is no extra credit built into the course. *Do not expect extra credit, and do not ask for it.*

Do you accept late assignments?

Late assignments will be accepted past the recommended due date with no penalty. Assignments submitted after the recommended due date will not receive as much feedback as those submitted on time. Feedback is essential to improve upon subsequent coursework.

How do I figure out my grade?

Final course grades will be assessed on the following scale:

Assignment	Points	My Grade
Discussions	195 (13x15)	
Exams	300 (3x100)	
Total	495	

When are readings and assignments due?

Course Calendar

- Subject to revision, if necessary, during the semester.
- **All assignments must be posted in Canvas by 11:59 pm on Sunday of each week unless otherwise specified by the instructor.**
- Assignments for the last week of class are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, December 9, 2022.

Week of Aug 22-Aug 28

- Discussion 1: Introduction
 - Due Aug 28

Week of Aug 29-Sep 4

- Reading: Chapter 1: Forging a socio-legal approach to environmental harms
- Reading: Chapter 2: Environmental crimes and harms: A green criminology approach and socio-legal challenges
- Discussion 2
 - Due Sep 4

Week of Sep 5-Sep 11

- Reading: Chapter 3: Green criminology and the prevention of ecological destruction
- Discussion 3
 - Due Sep 11

Week of Sep 12-Sep 18

- Reading: Chapter 4: The EU and the protection of the environment through criminal law
- Discussion 4
 - Due Sep 18

Week of Sep 19-Sep 25

- Reading: Chapter 5: A law and economics approach to environmental crime
- Discussion 5
 - Due Sep 25

Week of Sep 26-Oct 2

- Quiz 1: Chapters 1-5 and discussions
 - Due Oct 2

Week of Oct 3-Oct 9

- Reading: Chapter 6: International financial institutions as facilitators of environmental crimes
- Discussion 6
 - o Due Oct 9

Week of Oct 10-Oct 16

- Reading: Chapter 7: Learning lessons from deepwater disasters: Common ground in oil exploration in Brazil and the United States
- Discussion 7
 - o Due Oct 16

Week of Oct 17-Oct 23

- Reading: Chapter 8: Toxic ships, environmental crimes, and the North-South discourse
- Discussion 8
 - o Due Oct 23

Week of Oct 24-Oct 30

- Quiz 2: Chapters 6-8 and discussions
 - o Due Oct 30

Week of Oct 31-Nov 6

- Reading: Chapter 9: Determining the public interest in environmental enforcement, sanctioning, and prosecution
- Discussion 9
 - o Due Nov 6

Week of Nov 7-Nov 13

- Reading: Chapter 10: The legal and social context of wildlife trafficking
- Discussion 10
 - o Due Nov 13

Week of Nov 14-Nov 20

- Reading: Chapter 11: Eco-crime and green activism
- Discussion 11
 - o Due Nov 2120

Week of Nov 21-Nov 27

- Reading: Chapter 12: The criminalization of the intentional destruction of cultural heritage
- Discussion 12
 - o Due Nov 27

Week of Nov 28-Dec 4

- Reading: Chapter 13: Concluding thoughts: towards a socio-legal research and policy agenda on environmental crimes
- Discussion 13
 - o Due Dec 4

Week of Dec 4-Dec 11

- Quiz 3
 - o Due Dec 9