



NEW COURSE AT THE THOMAS MORE
COLLEGE BIOLOGY FIELD STATION



ENV255: *Environmental Law and Policy* (2 credits)

6:00-8:45 pm TH evenings from June 07-July 26, 2012

This course aims to survey the laws and policies that govern human interaction with nature and is geared for upper level students with a general interest in environmental issues, but no previous study of law or policy is necessary. Topics will include a brief nuts and bolts discussion of key federal environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act and how these federal laws impact the everyday lives of citizens, resource managers, developers, activists, and members of the regulated communities. We will also discuss the various ways of addressing climate change, including discussions international environmental treaties. Themes that will run through every discussion include environmental ethics, economics, and the role of science in environmental policy. To complement the lecture portion of the course, some field work in related areas, such as water quality sampling on the Ohio River, will be included. Students of all disciplines are welcome and encouraged to participate in this interdisciplinary dialogue.

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Olivia is a water law and policy specialist at the USEPA in Cincinnati where she researches approaches to environmental decision-making that make sound use of science. Her interests include adaptive management, peaceful resource sharing (avoiding "water wars"), and environmental dispute resolution. She studied hydrogeology as an undergraduate at the University of Arkansas, water resources policy and management as a graduate student at Oregon State University, and environmental law at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Location: The Biology Field Station is a 20-acre, research and teaching facility owned and operated by Thomas More College and home to the Center for Ohio River Research & Education. Through research, teaching and outreach programs, the staff at the Center offers students and visitors an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of the natural world and the ecology of the Ohio River watershed. On-site housing is available for students enrolled in this course. Further information can be found at: www.thomasmore.edu/fieldstation.