

APPLICATION

Climate Justice Seminar: a Multidisciplinary Approach to Climate Adaptation Winter 2012

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The law school is offering a unique multidisciplinary seminar on Climate Justice this winter quarter. Jeni Barcelos and Jen Marlow, Co-Executive Directors of the law school's Three Degrees Project (www.threedegreeswarmer.org) will teach the course, along with David Battisti, Tamaki Endowed Chair of Atmospheric Sciences, and graduate teaching fellow Brandon Derman.

In Winter Quarter 2012, the Climate Justice Seminar will be meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the law school (William H. Gates Hall) in **Room 116**.

The Climate Justice Seminar is open to 25 graduate and professional students from across the University of Washington by application only (**note: J.D. students are excused from this requirement and need not apply**). The course examines predicted climate futures in locations around the globe where climate change is likely to harm disadvantaged populations, with the goal of understanding the limitations and strengths of the international and domestic legal and political systems available to alleviate these impacts. The course will focus on global climate-related impacts to health, food and water, security, equity, and justice. Students will work in multidisciplinary groups and be advised by the team of core faculty.

All applications must be e-mailed to climateseminarTF@gmail.com by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. If you have questions in the interim, please contact the seminar's Teaching Fellow, Brandon Derman at climateseminarTF@gmail.com.

NOTE: If you are a J.D. student, you need not submit an application for the 2012 Climate Justice Seminar. Please proceed with registering for the seminar directly.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please thoroughly fill out this application and attach a copy of your resume. If you need more room to answer the short essay questions, you are welcome to submit **one additional typed page**, which can be added to the end of your application packet or attached as a separate document. All applications must be turned in via email (climateseminarTF@gmail.com) by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. If you have questions in the interim, please contact the seminar's Teaching Fellow at the email address mentioned above.

Name:

Email Address:

Department:

Degree and Graduation Year (expected):

Please describe your background (if any) related to climate change (this can include past work, volunteer, or scholarly experience):

Please explain why you are interested in taking this seminar:

Do you have prior experience traveling and/or working abroad? (Please also describe your language skills.) Please explain:

Many of the seminar assignments will involve small group work. Do you have prior experience working in a small group? Is this work environment something that you are comfortable with? Please explain:

Seminar students will be divided into multidisciplinary teams for the small group work. Please explain any prior experience working in a multi- or inter-disciplinary context. Also, describe the challenges you faced and lessons learned.

Skill Rankings:

On a scale of 1 to 5, please identify your comfort level/experience with the following topics (1 meaning very little comfort or experience and 5 meaning exceptional comfort or experience):

Subject/Skill	Ranking (1 to 5)
Climate Science	
Climate Policy	
Climate Impacts	
Public Speaking	
Statistical Analysis	

Interest Rankings:

The seminar structure, curriculum, syllabus, and group work will be based on the *Three Degrees Framework for Climate Justice*, which examines the impacts of climate change on health, food and water, security, equity, and justice. Please rank your interest as a prospective seminar student among these five issue areas, with 1 being most interested and 5 being least interested.

TEAM	RANKING (1 to 5)
Health	
Food & Water	
Conflict & Human Security	
Ethics & Equity	
Law, Justice, & Institutions	

Questions? Please contact our 2012 Climate Justice Seminar Teaching Fellow, Brandon Derman, with any questions: climateseminarTF@gmail.com

NOTE TO UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS:

Please attach a separate one-page typed statement that describes how you believe your experiences and scholarship adequately prepare you to take this graduate-level class.