

# APPLICATION

## Climate Justice Seminar: a Multidisciplinary Approach to Climate Adaptation Winter & Spring 2011

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The law school is offering a unique multidisciplinary seminar on Climate Justice this winter and spring quarters. Jeni Barcelos and Jen Marlow, Co-Executive Directors of the law school's Three Degrees Project ([www.threedegreeswarmer.org](http://www.threedegreeswarmer.org)) will teach the course, along with David Battisti, Tamaki Endowed Chair of Atmospheric Sciences, and two graduate teaching fellows.

For the **winter quarter**, the course will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00–10:20 a.m. at the law school. For the **spring quarter**, the course will meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00–11:00 a.m. at the law school, with significant time devoted to outside group work.

The Climate Justice Seminar is open to 25 graduate and professional students from across the University of Washington (application attached). The goal of the course is to examine predicted climate futures in locations around the globe where climate change is likely to harm disadvantaged populations, and to understand the limitations and strengths of international and domestic legal and policy systems to alleviate these impacts. The **winter quarter** will focus on global climate-related impacts to health, food and water, security, equity and justice. The **spring quarter** will follow a clinical model of project-based work, where a select group of students and faculty will work directly with communities impacted by the climate crisis to create climate adaptation assessments and apply corresponding legal and policy tools to further climate justice goals.

Students will work in multidisciplinary groups and be advised by the team of core faculty. All students must agree to participate in the winter quarter, but enrollees may opt-in or opt-out of applied project work for spring quarter (winter quarter, 3 credits; spring quarter, 0–3 credits).

**All applications must be emailed to [climateseminarTF@gmail.com](mailto:climateseminarTF@gmail.com) by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 17, 2010.** If you have questions in the interim, please contact the seminar's Teaching Fellows Erin Burke (Earth and Space Sciences), or Shailee Sztern (Evans School of Public Affairs).

**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](mailto:climateseminarTF@gmail.com)) by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. If you have questions in the interim, please contact the seminar's Teaching Fellows 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:

Some 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):

<b>Subject/Skill</b>	<b>Ranking (1 to 5)</b>
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.

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>RANKING (1 to 5)</b>
<b>Health</b>	
<b>Food &amp; Water</b>	
Conflict & Human <b>Security</b>	
Ethics & <b>Equity</b>	
Law, <b>Justice</b> , & Institutions	

Questions? Please contact our 2011 Climate Justice Seminar Teaching Fellows, Erin Burke and Shailee Sztern, with any questions: [climateseminarTF@gmail.com](mailto: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.