

Colorado State University

Continuing Education

From the water experts at Colorado State University...Learn how Colorado water law affects you.

COLORADO WATER LAW FOR NON-LAWYERS (GSSL 1040)

Designed for anyone who interacts with water law, including educators, developers, government officials, realtors, farmers, environmentalists, business people, students, scientists, recreationists and homeowners.

Mark Twain once said “Whiskey is for drinkin’, and water is for fightin’ over”. As with most good fights, it helps to have some rules for the contestants. That’s where the water law comes in. How did it get started? What is it based on? How does it affect the average citizen of Colorado? Water touches nearly every aspect of life in a semi-arid state like Colorado. In this **online** noncredit course, you are introduced to the laws and policies that govern the allocation and use of water in Colorado. You’ll learn how the evolving customs and uses of water in Colorado have served as the basis for the development of a unique body of law and policy that has influenced water law in many other Western states.

Each of the 12 modules in the course presents three levels of information:

- The **full story**, which explains the key points with basic levels of detail, starting at the beginning of the module.
- A **summary** of key points for quick reference, near the end of the module for most modules.
- **Suggestions for further reading**, in case you would like to explore the topic in more detail.

Most modules also include links to streaming video recordings of a series of special seminars presented by noted experts in Colorado water law at Colorado State University. All the modules, self-tests, readings, videos and discussions may be taken online at your own pace, offering the flexibility to fit into your existing schedule and location. You should expect to spend about three to five hours on each module and are encouraged to complete one module each week.

Date: January 19 – May 7, 2010

Instructor: Glenn Patterson, a Senior Research Associate in CSU’s Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Cost: \$489

Register Today! Visit www.learn.colostate.edu/noncreditcourses or call toll free (877) 491-4336.

Noncredit courses do not produce academic credit nor appear on a Colorado State University academic transcript.