

UAPP 467/667 Environmental Resources and Public Policy (3 cr.)

Classroom

Fall 2011 MWF 9:05-9:55 am
Room Memorial Hall Rm 126

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Course Description

Students will explore the public policy implications of environmental planning and management at the international, national, state/provincial, and local levels. Looming environmental challenges such as water scarcity, habitat loss, climate change, aging infrastructure, and mounting pollution will be discussed all in the face of the new 21st century economy. This course will employ an interdisciplinary policy- and science-based approach designed to address the modern governance, economic, social, and legal issues of the day in the air, land, and water environment.

Text

Rosenbaum, W. A., 2010. Environmental Politics and Policy. 8th edition. |Congressional Quarterly Press. ISBN: 978-1-60426-607-8. 398 pp.

Schedule

Week of:

Aug 31, 2011 - Introductions. Introduction to Public Policy. The Environmental Movement

Sep 5 - After Earth Day. Making Policy: The Process

Sep 12 - Making Policy: Institutions and Politics

Sep 19 - Common Policy Challenges: Risk Assessment and Environmental Justice

Sep 26 - More Choice: The Battle over Regulatory Economics

Oct 3 - Command and Control in Action: Air and Water Pollution Regulation

Oct 10 - A Regulatory Thicket: Toxic and Hazardous Substances

Midterm Exam

Oct 17 - Energy: Nuclear Dreams, Black Gold, and Vanishing Crude

Oct 24 - 635 Million Acres of Politics: The Battle for Public Lands

Oct 31 - Climate Change

Nov 7 - Domestic Politics

Nov 14 - International Politics and the Challenge of Global Policymaking

Nov 21 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 28 - Environmental Law

Dec 5 - Environmental Economics

Dec 12 - Final Exam

Grading

Participation	10%
Attendance	10%
Enthusiasm	10%
Midterm Project	10%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Term Paper	10%
Final Exam	30%