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Course Description

This course covers the formal and informal processes involved in environmental policymaking. We will study how different parts of the U.S. public view environmental problems, how political actors influence the policy process, and how the era of legislative 'gridlock' has impacted environmental policymaking. The course concludes with an in-depth case study of a single area of environmental policymaking.

Learning Objectives

Students will ...

- describe features of environmental problems that generate political disagreements
 - explain how political actors influence and are influenced by environmental policy.
 - interpret measurements of environmental policy effectiveness.
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Grade Allocation

Participation/Homework	20%
Exams	30% + 30%
Policy Memo	20%

A	100-93	B+	89.9-87	C+	79.9-77	D+	69.9-65
A-	92.9-90	B	86.9-83	C	76.9-73	D	64.9-60
		B-	82.9-80	C-	72.9-70	F	59.9-0

Required Materials

Text Rental. [OHEP] Sheldon Kamieniecki and Michael Kraft. *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Environmental Policy*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

For Purchase. [WPP] John Hoornbeek, *Water Pollution Policies and the American States: Runaway Bureaucracies or Congressional Control?* New York: State University of New York Press, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-4384-3543-5

Supplemental Materials. [D2L] All other materials will be provided as a handout during class meetings or electronically via UWSP's learning management software.

WEEK	ASSIGNMENTS
1 1/26-28	Syllabus Periods of Environmental Legislation [OHEP : Ch. 2]
INFORMAL ACTORS	
2 2/2-4	Governance Capacity [OHEP : Ch. 7] Stages of the Policy Process [OHEP : Ch. 20]
3 2/9-11	Public Opinion and Media [OHEP : Ch. 21] and [D2L : Boykoff]
4 2/16-18	Interest Groups in Environmental Policy I [OHEP : Ch. 23] and [D2L : Kamieniecki and Kraft]
5 2/23-25	Interest Groups in Environmental Policy II [D2L : Bosso]
6 3/1-3	<i>Exam 1</i>
ACTORS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FORMAL PROCESS	
7 3/8-10	Federalism [OHEP : Ch. 18] Legislature [OHEP : Ch. 13]
8 3/15-17	Executive [OHEP : Ch. 14 and 17]
9 3/29-31	Judiciary [OHEP : Ch. 12]
10 4/5-7	Role of Science [OHEP : Ch. 28] and [D2L : Keller]
11 4/12-14	Market-Based Policy [OHEP : Ch. 25] Ecosystem-Based Policy [OHEP : Ch. 27]
12 4/19-21	<i>Exam 2</i>
CASE STUDY: WATER	
13 4/25-27	Water Policy [WPPAS : Ch. 1-2]
14 5/3-5	Water Policy [WPPAS : Ch. 3-7]
15 5/10-12	Water Policy [WPPAS : Ch. 8-11]
16	Final Exam Period <i>Water Policy Memo Due</i>

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