

Course Syllabus

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Course Description

Environmental policies reflect conflicts over different values. This course addresses the formal and informal processes that transform different, competing environmental values into policies. We emphasize key elements:

1. popular attitudes and values regarding environmental issues,
2. how groups organize and compete to influence the formulation of environmental policies, and
3. how the political system shapes what can be accomplished by environmental policies.

Students conclude by applying what they have learned to an area of environmental policymaking.

Learning Objectives

Students will ...

- explain how groups seek to influence and are influenced by environmental policies.
- explain how features of the political process shape *what* environmental policies are enacted.
- explain how features of the political process shape *how* environmental policies are enacted.

Grade Allocation

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attendance	100
Homework	50 + 50 + 50
Unit Examinations	150 + 150
Policy Memo	150

Total	700
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A	700 - 651	C+	560 - 541
A-	650 - 631	C	540 - 511
B+	630 - 611	C-	510 - 491

B 610 - 581**D+** 490 - 456**B-** 580 - 561**D** 455 - 421**F** 420 - 0

Required Materials

Text Rental [_ \(https://www.uwsp.edu/centers/store/Pages/default.aspx\)](https://www.uwsp.edu/centers/store/Pages/default.aspx) . Smith, Zachary. 2018. *The Environmental Policy Paradox*, 7th ed. [TEPP]




Supplemental Materials. Materials not in the textbook are distributed through the UWSP learning management software (**Canvas**).

















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Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Tue Sep 10, 2019	 Reading: Formal and Informal Factors (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1018317)	due by 11am
Tue Sep 17, 2019	 Reading Assignment: Public Opinion and Interest Groups (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1019040)	due by 11am
	 Homework 1: Environmental Public Opinion Data (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1019136)	due by 6pm

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Wed Sep 18, 2019	 Homework 1: Environmental Public Opinion Data (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1019136) (2 students)	due by 6pm
Fri Sep 20, 2019	 Homework 2 - Interest Groups (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1017804)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 10, 2019	 Exam 1: Informal Factors in Environmental Policy (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1018007)	due by 6pm
Tue Oct 22, 2019	 Reading Assignment: Formal Institutions (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1027316)	due by 11pm
Thu Nov 14, 2019	 Exam 2: Formal Factors in Environmental Policy (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1018187)	due by 6pm
Tue Nov 19, 2019	 Reading Assignment: Land-Management Policy (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1027077)	due by 11am
Wed Nov 27, 2019	 Homework 3 - Questions for Video (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1017842)	due by 5pm
Tue Dec 3, 2019	 Reading Assignment: Water Policy (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1027199)	due by 11am
Tue Dec 10, 2019	 Reading Assignment: Toxic and Hazardous Waste Management (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1027292)	due by 11am
Wed Dec 18, 2019	 Policy Memo (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1017918)	due by 5pm
	 Extra Credit 1: Public Opinion (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1035188)	
	 Extra Credit 2: Interest Groups (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1039591)	
	 Extra Credit 3: Structure of the Federal System (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1082836)	
	 Extra Credit 4: The Legislative Process (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1082870)	
	 Extra Credit 5: Executive Leadership of the Bureaucracy (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1082900)	
	 Extra Credit 6: Introduction to the Judiciary (https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1082939)	

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[Roll Call Attendance \(https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1018456\)](https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/223352/assignments/1018456)

