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Mon. & Wed. 11:00am-12:00pm
or by appointment

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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

1. popular attitudes toward environmental problems,
2. how groups compete to influence the political process, and
3. how the political system shapes what environmental policies can accomplish.

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

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will ...

- explain how groups influence and are influenced by environmental policy.
 - explain how features of the political process shape which environmental policies are enacted.
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GRADE ALLOCATION

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attendance & Participation	140
Workshop Homework (x 2)	70 + 70
Unit Evaluation	240
Regulatory Analysis	180
Total	700

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
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REQUIRED MATERIALS

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

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS. All other materials will be provided in print during class meetings or electronically via UWSP's learning management software.

WEEK	TOPICS	ASSIGNMENTS
UNIT: INFORMAL DYNAMICS		
09.05-09.08	Policy Process	Text: OHEP, p. 437 - 453
09.11-09.15	Public Opinion	Text: OHEP, p. 461 - 482 D2L: public opinion and media coverage data
09.18-09.22	<i>Workshop – Interpreting Public Opinion Data</i>	
09.25-09.29	Interest Groups	Text: OHEP, p. 504 - 520 and p. 382 - 388 D2L: business and environmental NGO data
10.02-10.06	<i>Workshop – Predicting Interest Group Strategies</i>	
UNIT: FORMAL DYNAMICS		
10.09-10.13	Regimes	D2L: polarization data
10.16-10.20	Legislature	Text: OHEP, p. 280 - 299
10.23-10.27	Executive	Text: OHEP, p. 310 - 323 and p. 373 – 380
10.30-11.03	Regulation	Text: OHEP, p. 329 - 349
11.06-11.10	Federalism	Text: OHEP, p. 394 - 408
11.13-11.17	Judiciary	Text: OHEP, p. 259 - 277
11.20-11.22	<i>Unit Evaluation</i>	
APPLICATION: CASE STUDY		
11.27-12.01	Water Policy	D2L: see <i>Assignment Sheet</i>
12.04-12.08	Water Policy	D2L: see <i>Assignment Sheet</i>
12.11-12.15	Water Policy	D2L: see <i>Assignment Sheet</i>
12.18-12.22	<i>Regulatory Analysis Due</i>	

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