Syllabus: U.S. Environmental Policy (EVR 4352)
Fall 2018 (Online)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Our society faces increasing challenges in sustainably managing environmental and natural resources. Policy making at various levels has become more contentious when it comes to dealing with environment. The main purpose of this course is to get the students think critically about environmental policy issues. It will provide the students with background information to look into environmental issues and related policies in order to understand not just what an environmental policy entails but why the policy was designed in such a way and its implications. We will explore the policy paradox and the different ways of thinking and analyzing environmental policy and regulations.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

• Familiarize with major policies designed for environmental and natural resource management.

• Develop the analytical skills that will enable students to critically evaluate diverse policy measures influencing environmental and natural resource management.

• Understand the socioeconomic and institutional factors shaping various environmental policy approaches that are in place at different levels.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Through studying the course materials students will have the opportunity to develop an informed understanding and analyze their own views and others’ perspectives on various environmental issues.
Major TOPICS AND TEXTBOOK


Click here to buy your textbook online at the FIU Bookstore.

The course will cover materials primarily from the text book listed above. However, additional materials will be covered and assigned throughout the semester. Keeping up with these materials and completing reading assignments in time are crucial for successfully completing this course.

EXPECTATION OF THIS COURSE

Students are expected to:

- Review the Start Here folder located in the course content.
- Review the Policies Page as is important to the quality of your education.
- Introduce yourself to the class during the first week by posting a self introduction in the appropriate discussion forum under the Start Here folder.
- Take the practice quiz under the Start Here folder to ensure that your computer is compatible with Blackboard
- Interact online with instructor/s and peers and keep up with all assignments.
- Review and follow the course calendar
- This online section does not require an on-campus meeting and/or exam.

GRADING

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<th>Course Requirements</th>
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<td>Debate Report (50 points each x 3 Reports)</td>
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<td>Film Review Assignment (50 points each x 3 reviews)</td>
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<td>Exams (100 points each x 2 midterms and 1 final)</td>
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### DISCUSSION

Keep in mind that forum discussions are public, and care should be taken when determining what to post. If you need to send a private message to an instructor or student, please use email. Instructor will review discussion forums and reply to students as needed.

### QUIZZES and EXAMS

There are two quizzes and three exams (two mid-terms and the final); and there will be an extra credit assignment.

### HOMEWORK and FILM REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

Homework (e.g. debate report) and film review assignments are subject to penalty if they are not turned in on time. Completing these assignments on time is very important for a good understanding of the material covered.

### ADOBE CONNECT PRO MEETING

The Adobe Connect Pro Meeting is an online meeting room in which you can interact with your instructor and fellow students by sharing your computer, screens or files, chat, broadcast live audio and take part in other interactive online activities. Your Adobe Connect Pro Meeting room will be located within your online course in the course content section.

**Requirements for using Adobe Connect Pro Meeting:**
1. Disable any window pop-up blocker.
2. Adobe Flash Player 9 or higher
3. If you are sharing your screen or uploading content to the meeting room then you need to install the Adobe Acrobat Connect Add-in for Windows or Macintosh.
4. You can test your computer to make sure that you are set up with all of the tools you will need to participate in the meeting.

Please click here to help you get started with Adobe Connect Pro Meeting.

### COURSE CALENDAR

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<th>Materials Covered and Events</th>
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<td>Week 1</td>
<td>Ch 1: Ecosystem Interdependence&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Select Your 3 Debate Items from Easton: Taking Sides (Submission due by Aug 24)</strong></td>
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<td>Week 2</td>
<td>Ch 2: Changing Cultural and Social Beliefs: From Conservation to Environmentalism&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Debate 1 (Report due by Aug 31)</strong></td>
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<td>Week 3</td>
<td>Ch 3: The Regulatory Environment&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Video 1 (Food, Inc. by Robert Kenner; Review Report due by Sept 7)</strong></td>
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<td>Sept 3–Sept 7</td>
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<td>Week 4</td>
<td><strong>Review Materials for Midterm Exam I will be posted</strong>&lt;br&gt;Ch 4: The Political and Institutional Setting</td>
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<td>Week 5</td>
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<td>Week 6</td>
<td>Ch 6: Water&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Debate 2 (Report due by Sept 28)</strong></td>
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| Week 7  
Oct 1–Oct 5 | **Review Materials for Midterm Exam II** will be posted  
**Video 2 (Poisoned Water; Review Report due Oct 5)** |
| Week 8  
Oct 8–Oct 12 | Ch 7: Energy |
| Week 9  
Oct 15–Oct 19 | Midterm Exam II (Ch 5, 6, 7; due by Oct 18-19, 2 hours maximum) |
| Week 10  
Oct 22–Oct 26 | Ch 8: Toxic and Hazardous Materials and Waste Management |
| Week 11  
Oct 29 – Nov 2 | Ch 9: Land Management Issues  
**Debate 3 (Report due by Nov 2)** |
| Week 12  
Nov 5 – Nov 9 | Ch 10: International Environmental Issues |
| Week 13  
Nov 12 – Nov 16 | Video 3 (On Thin Ice; Review Report due by Nov 16)  
Nov 12 is Veterans Day (University is Closed) |
| Week 14  
Nov 19 – Nov 23 | Review Materials for Final Exam will be posted  
**Extra Credit Assignment (TBA; due by Nov 21)**  
November 22 & 23 is Thanksgiving Holiday (University is Closed) |
| Week 15  
Nov 26 – Nov 30 | Ch 11: International Environmental Management |
| Final Week  
Week 16  
Dec 3 – Dec 7 | Final Exam (due by Dec 3–4, 2 hours maximum) |