



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2011
GEOGRAPHY 525
H(3-0)

The Politics of Environment: Policy and Political Ecology

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC 01	TuTh	17:00 - 18:15	ES 319

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Please note: The appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Earth Sciences is the ICT Food Court.

Course Description

Key issues in environmental policy, focusing on the power and interest mechanisms that determine environmental resource access and sustainable use. Case-specific applications explore the dynamic roles of the global and the local including international development paradigms, indigenous resource rights, common-pool resource management, powerful policy networks, and local communities struggling in between.

Prerequisites: GEOG 321 plus one of (361, 421, 425); or consent of the Department

Supplementary Fees: (*field trips etc*). *N/A*.

Required books: Dryzek, John S. 2005. *The Politics of the Earth – Environmental Discourses*. Oxford UK (required).

Robbins, Paul, John Hintz and Sarah a. Moore (2010) *Environment and Society, Critical Introductions to Geography*. Wiley-Blackwell, Malden MA (required)

Dryzek, John S. and D. Schlosberg (2005). *The Environmental Politics Reader – Debating the Earth*. Second Edition, Oxford University Press, don Mills, ON. (recommended)

Clapp, Jennifer and Peter Dauvergne (2005) *Paths to a Green World - The Political Economy of the Global Environment*. The MIT Press, Cambridge MA (recommended)

All course information and further material are posted by the instructor on Blackboard <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/> the assignments for each session will be posted and readings made available electronically where possible.

Grading (Weighting):

(1)	In-class participation:	30%
(2)	Short assignments:	40%
(3)	Topic presentation:	10%
(4)	Project paper:	20%

There is no final examination for this course. It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

Grading System:

96-100	A+	77-80	B	59-61	C-
90-95	A	71-76	B-	55-58	D+
86-89	A-	65-70	C+	50-54	D
81-85	B+	62-64	C	0-49	F

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal, the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, at the instructor's discretion, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

Writing across the Curriculum

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

Principles of Conduct

The University of Calgary Calendar includes a statement on the Principles of conduct expected of all members of the University community (including students, faculty, administrators, any category of staff, practicum supervisors and volunteers) whether on or off the University's property. This statement applies in all situations where the members of the University community are acting in their University capacities. All Members of the University Community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with this statement which is available at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/j-2.html>

Plagiarism

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Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

All assignments will be handles on Blackboard.

Their own grades will be available to each student on Blackboard by password access. Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: suypaca@ucalgary.ca

SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: arts1@ucalgary.ca

The students ombudsman office information can be found at:

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/su-structure/contact-info>

Campus Safewalk

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day, to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security officer will accompany you to your Campus destination.
