



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2009

GEOGRAPHY 525 GFC Hours (3-0) AREA

The Politics of Environment: Policy and Political Ecology

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Official 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.

Prerequisite

Geography [321](#) plus one of [361](#), [521](#), [425](#); or consent of the Department.

Supplementary Fees: n/a.

Textbook/ Readings:

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

Recommended: Dryzek et al. 2005. *Debating the Earth – The Environmental Politics Reader*. Oxford University Press, Oxford UK.

Recommended: Robbins, Paul 2004. *Political Ecology – A Critical Introduction*. Blackwell Publishing, London.

Grading (Weighting):

(1)	In-class participation:	25%
(2)	Weekly assignments:	30%
(3)	Web-based project:	20%
(4)	Final essay:	25%

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

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at:
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Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic 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: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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