PURPOSE

This course focuses on the development of the environmental movement and of federal environmental law and policies in the United States since the 1960s. It is designed both as an intermediate-level public policy course in political science and as a "Society and Policy" course in the ENTS program. It emphasizes the governmental institutions, processes, and regulatory policies for controlling pollution (in air, water, and soil), public lands policies, and natural resource issues. Students are expected to become familiar with the major environmental laws and are required to write a 10-12 pp. policy analysis paper on implementation and reform of one specific piece of legislation (due May 30). All paper topics must approved by the instructor by May 16. There will also be a mid-term exam and final exam (the latter can be self-scheduled).

REQUIREMENTS

The course will be lecture/discussion format, with class participation expected. Grading will be weighted as follows:

- Mid-term 30%
- Paper 30%
- Final 30%
- Class participation 10%

TEXTS AND READINGS

The following are required texts (available in bookstore):

- Layzer, *The Environmental Case*

Several books may also be placed on open reserve in the library.

READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR CLASS

I. Introduction and Overview

M Mar 31 Introduction to course

W Apr 7 Studying environmental policy Rosenbaum, chap. 1;

Layzer, chap. 1

F Apr 9 Development of environmental policy Vig & Kraft [VK], chap. 1

II. The Politics of the Environment

M Apr 14 Environmental politics and policymaking Rosenbaum, chaps. 2-3

W Apr 16 Federalism and the role of the states VK, chaps. 2-3

F Apr 18 The environmental movement and public opinion VK, chap. 4; and Layzer chap. 10

III. Political Institutions and Environmental Policymaking

M Apr 18 The importance of the President VK, chap. 5

W Apr 16 The environment and Congress VK, chap. 6

F Apr 18 The role of the courts VK, chap. 7

IV. Regulating Pollution

M Apr 21 The Clean Air and Water Acts Layzer, chap. 2
W Apr 23 The Clean Air Act Rosenbaum, pp. 178-203

F Apr 25 The Clean Water Act Rosenbaum, pp. 203-220

M Apr 28 Toxic Wastes and Superfund Layzer, chaps. 3, 4

W Apr 30 Hazardous Waste regulation Rosenbaum, chap. 7

F May 2 Energy policy Rosenbaum, chap. 8

M May 5 Mid-term break

W May 7 Mid-term exam all of above

V Public Lands and Natural Resources

F May 9 Development of public land policies Rosenbaum, chap. 9

M May 12 Grazing and forestry Layzer, chaps. 6, 7

W May 14 New trends in resource management VK, chap. 14; Layzer, chap. 13

F May 16 Wilderness preservation Layzer, chap. 7

VI. Dilemmas of Regulation and Regulatory Reform

M May 19 The problem of risk assessment VK, chap. 9; and Rosenbaum, chap. 4

W May 21 The economics of regulation VK, chap. 8; Rosenbaum, ch. 5;

F May 23 Market-based solutions Layzer, chap. 11

W May 26 Sustainable development VK, chaps. 3, 12

M May 28 Environmental justice VK, chap. 11

F May 30 Reinventing EPA Term papers due

VII. Environmental Politics and the Future

M June 2 Global Climate Change Rosenbaum, ch. 10

W June 4 Toward Sustainable Development? VK, chap. 17; Layzer, chap. 14

Final Exam (self-scheduled) all reading since mid-term exam