

**Political Science 3206 - 002**  
**THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**SPRING 2012**

M/W/F 12:00- 12:50 PM  
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In the run-up to the 2012 elections, environmental protection and "Green energy"/climate change are central to the political and policy debate in Washington D.C. We begin with a look at the present condition and future prospects of environmentalism as a social and political force. As President Obama and the Republicans in Congress struggle with budget, environmental and partisan challenges, we look at the processes and institutions shaping government policies. We hope to incorporate several panels from the April Conference on World Affairs into the course. The last segment features an overview of global eco-politics, and policy options surrounding Global Warming/Climate Change.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Required Books:** (All are paperbacks and on Reserve at Norlin Library.)  
Vig & Kraft, *Environmental Policy: New Directions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, (2010) Seventh edition.  
Mike Hulme, *Why We Disagree About Climate Change: Understanding Controversy...*, (2009).  
Judith Layzer, *The Environmental Case: Translating Values into Policy* (2012) Third ed.

### **Examinations:**

*Students requiring special accommodations for exams due to a handicap or disability or Religious Obligation should notify me by Jan 30. I will make sure your needs are met.*

**First Examination, Monday, Feb 20 (30%)**

**Second Examination, Wednesday, Mar 21 (30%)**

**Final Examination, Wednesday, May 9 (40%) 4:30 -7:00 PM**

Given the large class size, exams will include short answers ("fill in blanks" and "multiple choice" components), as well as essays.

**Extra-Credit:** Optional Oral Reports throughout the semester. (Proposal Deadline April 20)

Class presentations by individuals or small co-ops on topics related to the course will be arranged.

Bonus points worth **up to 10** points (added to the first in-class exam score) will be earned by participants. Four (4) brief oral reports will count as **10** extra-credit points, or you can present a "regular" report on some aspect of current environmental politics beyond the class (or, for example, a report on a CWA panel or a campus speaker). Evaluative critiques of course materials, especially the readings, are encouraged and also will earn extra-credit.

### **Honor Code / Nondiscrimination Policies**

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The absence of harassment and intimidation is essential to the learning environment. Information and reporting guidelines are at: [Colorado.edu/odh](http://Colorado.edu/odh)

## TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS (adjustments and corrections will be given in class)

Jan 18	Introduction
Jan 20-25	The Politics of the Environment Movement: Vig & Kraft; ch. 1, 3.
Jan 27-Feb 6	The Environment and American Political Institutions: Vig & Kraft; chapters 1-5. Layzer, chapters 1- 3.
Feb 8-10	Can EPA and the Courts Save the Environment? Vig & Kraft; chapters 6, 7.
Feb. 13-17	Regulations and Markets: Is Green Capitalism Possible? Vig & Kraft; ch. 9, 10. Layzer, chapter 14.
<b>Feb 20 Monday</b>	<b>FIRST EXAMINATION BRING "BLUE" BOOKS (OR "GREEN" EQUIVALENTS) (A Review Sheet will be available)</b>
Feb 22- March 2	Natural Resource Politics: Vig & Kraft; 8. Layzer, chapters 5- 9; 11, 13.
March 5-9	Overview of Climate Change: Vig & Kraft; 12, 13. Layzer, chapter 10.
March 12-19.	Thinking Deeply About Climate Change: <i>Why We Disagree</i> ; preface, ch.1-3.
<b>March 21 Weds</b>	<b>SECOND EXAMINATION -- BRING "BLUE" OR "GREEN" BOOKS (A Review Sheet will be available)</b>
<i>March 23 Friday</i> (MARCH 26-30)	<i>No Class.</i> SPRING BREAK- NO CLASSES
April 2-9.	Values, Beliefs and Fears in the Debate, <i>Why We Disagree</i> ; ch. 4-6.
(April 4 Weds)	NO CLASS Law School Information Day, Aspen room, UMC 1-4pm
*(April 9-13)	*(Conference on World Affairs- Energy/Environmental panels- t.b.a.)*
April 11-13	Risks, <i>Why We Disagree</i> ; ch. 7.
April 16-25	Development (CHINA!) <i>Why We Disagree</i> ; ch. 8; Vig & Kraft, 14; Layzer, chapter, 12.
April 27-May 4	Reconciling Climate Change and Sustainability: <i>Why We Disagree</i> ; ch. 9-10. Vig & Kraft; chapters 15, 16. Layzer, chapter, 18.

**FINAL EXAMINATION: MAY 9 WEDNESDAY 4:30 - 7:00 PM**  
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