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**POLITICAL SCIENCE 304: ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS & POLICY****FALL 2018**Brad Mapes-Martins  
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Tues./Thurs. 9:30am-10:30am

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Environmental policies reflect conflicts over different values. This course addresses the formal and informal processes that transform different values into policies. We emphasize key elements:

1. popular attitudes and values regarding environmental issues,
2. how groups organize and compete to influence the formulation of environmental policies, and
3. how the political system shapes what can be accomplished by environmental policies.

Students conclude by applying what they have learned to a single area of environmental policymaking.

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**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Students will ...

- explain how groups seek to influence and are influenced by environmental policies.
  - explain how features of the political process shape *what* environmental policies are enacted.
  - explain how features of the political process shape *how* environmental policies are enacted.
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**GRADE ALLOCATION**

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attendance	50
Participation	50
Homework	150
Unit Examinations	150 + 150
Policy Memo	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>

<b>A</b>	700 - 651	<b>C+</b>	560 - 541
<b>A-</b>	650 - 631	<b>C</b>	540 - 511
<b>B+</b>	630 - 611	<b>C-</b>	510 - 491
<b>B</b>	610 - 581	<b>D+</b>	490 - 456
<b>B-</b>	580 - 561	<b>D</b>	455 - 421
		<b>F</b>	420 - 0

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**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

**TEXT RENTAL.** [OHEP] Sheldon Kamieniecki and Michael Kraft. *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Environmental Policy*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS.** Materials not in the textbook are distributed through the UWSP learning management software (**Canvas**). Also, you will need access to Microsoft Excel. If you do not have it on your personal computer, it is available in campus computer labs.

**\*\*\*If at any point you feel like you are struggling to understand the material, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.**

WEEK	TOPICS	ASSIGNMENTS
09.05-09.08	Regimes & Policy Process	<b>Text:</b> OHEP, p. 437 – 453 <b>Canvas:</b> polarization data
09.11-09.15	Public Opinion	<b>Text:</b> OHEP, p. 461 - 482 <b>Canvas:</b> public opinion and media coverage data
09.18-09.22		<i>continued</i>
09.25-09.29	Interest Groups	<b>Text:</b> OHEP, p. 504 - 520 and p. 382 - 388 <b>Canvas:</b> business and environmental NGO data
10.02-10.06		<i>continued</i>
10.09-10.13		<i>Review (Tuesday) and Exam (Thursday)</i>
10.16-10.20	Federalism	<b>Text:</b> OHEP, p. 394 – 408
10.23-10.27	Legislature	<b>Text:</b> OHEP, p. 280 – 299
10.30-11.03	Executive	<b>Text:</b> OHEP, p. 310 - 323 and p. 373 – 380
11.06-11.10	Judiciary	<b>Text:</b> OHEP, p. 259 – 277
11.13-11.17		<i>Review (Tuesday) and Exam (Thursday)</i>
11.20-11.22	Regulation	<b>Text:</b> OHEP, p. 329 – 349
11.27-12.01	Policy Areas	<b>Canvas:</b> determined based on student interest
12.04-12.08	Policy Areas <i>(continued)</i>	<b>Canvas:</b> determined based on student interest
12.11-12.15	Policy Areas <i>(continued)</i>	<b>Canvas:</b> determined based on student interest
12.18-12.22		<b>Canvas:</b> <i>Policy Memo (Wednesday, Dec. 19 by 12:15pm)</i>

## POLICIES

**ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:** All UWSP policies regarding academic misconduct (e.g., plagiarism) are defined in [Chapter 14](#) of *UWSP Community Bill of Rights and Responsibilities*. Violations may result in a failing grade for the course or disciplinary sanctions by the University.

**EQUAL ACCESS:** If you have a challenge requiring classroom accommodation, please contact UWSP [Disability Services Office](#) with your documentation as early as possible in the semester. They will notify me confidentially of the accommodations.