SYLLABUS – Spring 2015
EVR 2861.521 S15 Intro to Environmental Policy (100% Online)
University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee Campus
(REVISED JANUARY 6th and Subject to Further Revision)
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Course description and objectives: This interdisciplinary course is intended to provide a survey of the history and current conditions of environmental policy development and decision-making, particularly in the U.S. The objectives of this course are to introduce students to (1) the process of environmental policy making; (2) the context in which environmental policy is made; and (3) the conceptual structure, practical implementation, and underlying rationale of environmental policies and regulations. The course will consist of posted lectures from the text, supplemental reading information, videos, online discussion, and researching and writing a position paper.

Attendance Policy: You are expected to log into the class almost on a daily to view and post assignments and discussion board posts, checking announcements etc. The grading system in this class is straight-forward (no plus or minus) and will be based on the total number of points accumulated:
- A = 900-1000
- B = 800-899
- C = 700-799
- D = 600-699
- F = 599 or less

Exams and Projects:
- 3 Midterms (10% each): 30 % (300 points)
- 15 Modules (3% each): 45 % (450 points)
- Position Paper 15 % (150 points)
- Final Exam: 10 % (100 points)

Total: 100 % (1,000 points)

All tests will be administered on-line using CANVAS. You will have one week to complete the assignment, so you choose when to take it. Separate guidance will be posted on CANVAS for the module assignments. In general, assignments will be due by the end of day (i.e., midnight) on Sunday (see the schedule below).
The deadline for students to elect to drop a course in Spring 2015 without academic penalty is March 21, 2015. It is University policy that prior to that date, students will have had sufficient material graded to be able to assess their standing in the class.
Late and Extra Credit Policy: Since this is an online course and you will have ample time to complete your assignments, I will not accept late work and there will be no extra credit given. I require my students to stay current with the assignments and the deadlines are FIRM. However, if you have a major disturbance in your life that prevents you from completing your assignment, you must provide documentation to me (i.e., hospital records, doctor’s notes, obituary column, etc.) and I will assess it on a case-by-case basis.


CANVAS Support: Support is available for CANVAS through USFSM E-Learning staff from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Please call or email Tony Spall at 941-359-4202 aspell@sar.usf.edu. The USF Tampa IT Helpdesk provides 24 hour support. Please call 813-974-1222 or email help@usf.edu if you need assistance outside of USFSM’s E-Learning hours.

Schedule for EVR 2861 (may be subject to change --- Always SEE your CANVAS CLASS for Updated Assignments, Readings, and Posts. Your class Announcements and Email are critical as well)

**Week 1** (January 5 to January 11)
- Overview of the course, order textbook (rent or buy used, recommended), feel comfortable with Canvas, and post your Icebreaker Intro for your class.

**Week 2** (January 12 to January 18)
- Earth Days Video

**Week 3** (January 19 to January 25)
- Historical Framework for Environmental Protection (Required “Environmental Politics” text, Ch. 1)

**Week 4** (January 26 to February 1)
- Participants in the Environmental Debate (Ch. 2)

**Week 5** (February 2 to February 8)
- The Political Process (Chapter 3)

**Week 6** (February 9 to February 15)
- **Midterm #1**
- Public Policy (Supplemental Reading)

**Week 7** (February 16 to February 22)
- Public Lands (Ch. 4)

**Week 8** (February 23 to March 1)
- Waste and Toxics (Ch. 5)

**Week 9** (March 2 to March 8)
- Spring Break!!!!!

**Week 10** (March 9 to March 15)
- The Politics of Energy (Ch. 6 and Supplemental)
Week 11 (March 16 to March 22)
- Midterm #2
- The Politics of Water (Ch. 7)

Week 12 (March 23 to March 29)
- Air Quality: Pollution and Solutions (Ch. 8)

Week 13 (March 30 to April 5)
- Endangered Species and Biodiversity (Ch. 9)

Week 14 (April 6 to April 12)
- Global Commons and Climate Change Policy (Ch. 10 and Supplemental)
- Position Paper Due

Week 15 (April 13 to April 19)
- Population and Sustainability (Ch. 11)

Week 16 (April 20 to April 26)
- Emerging Issues (Ch. 12)
- Midterm #3

Week 17 (April 27 to May 1)
- Final Exam (Essay and Policy Book) (Due on Friday May 1st)

Important Dates
Mar 2-7 USF Spring Break
Mar 21 Last day to drop with a “W” (no refund and no academic penalty)
Apr 25-May 1 Final Exam Week
May 5 Instructor e-grades deadline
USF Sarasota-Manatee Policies and Procedures

Religious Observances
The University recognizes the right of students and faculty to observe major religious holidays. Students who anticipate the necessity of being absent from class for a major religious observance must provide notice of the date(s) to the instructor, in writing, by the second week of classes. http://generalcounsel.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-10-045.pdf

Disabilities Accommodation Students are responsible for registering with the Office of Students with Disabilities Services (SDS) in order to receive academic accommodations. Reasonable notice must be given to the SDS office (typically 5 working days) for accommodations to be arranged. It is the responsibility of the student to provide each instructor with a copy of the official Memo of Accommodation. Contact Information: Disability Coordinator: 359-4714; disabilityservices@sar.usf.edu; http://www.usfsm.edu/students/disability/

Academic Dishonesty
The University considers any form of plagiarism or cheating on exams, projects, or papers to be unacceptable behavior. Please be sure to review the university’s policy in the USFSM Undergraduate Catalog or USFSM Graduate Catalog and the USF Student Code of Conduct.
Undergraduate: http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/Catalogs/ Graduate:
http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/Catalogs/ USF Student Code of Conduct:
http://www.sa.usf.edu/srr/page.asp?id=88

Academic Disruption
The University does not tolerate behavior that disrupts the learning process. The policy for addressing academic disruption is included with Academic Dishonesty in the USFSM Undergraduate Catalog or USFSM Graduate Catalog and the USF Student Code of Conduct. Undergraduate: http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/Catalogs/ Graduate:
http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/Catalogs/ USF Student Code of Conduct:
http://www.sa.usf.edu/srr/page.asp?id=88

Contingency Plans
In the event of an emergency, it may be necessary for USFSM to suspend normal operations. During this time, USFSM may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include but are not limited to: Canvas, Elluminate, Skype, and email messaging and/or an alternate schedule. It’s the responsibility of the student to monitor Canvas site for each class for course specific communication, and the main USFSM and College websites, emails, and MoBull messages for important general information. The USF hotline at 1 (800) 992-4231 is updated with pre-recorded information during an emergency. Emergency Preparedness It is strongly recommended that you become familiar with the USF Sarasota-Manatee Emergency Action Plan on the Safety Preparedness site http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/facilities/SafetyPreparedness.php Fire Alarm Instructions At the beginning of each semester please note the emergency exit maps posted in each classroom. These signs are marked with the primary evacuation route (red) and secondary evacuation route (orange) in case the building needs to be evacuated.

Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Harassment Reporting
USFSM is committed to providing an environment free from sex discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence (USF System Policy 0-004). The Counseling and Wellness Center is a confidential resource where you can talk about incidents of sexual harassment and gender-based crimes including sexual assault, stalking, and domestic/relationship violence. This confidential resource can help you without having to report your situation to either the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSSR) or the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity (DIEO), unless you request that they make a report.
Please be aware that in compliance with Title IX and under the USF System Policy, educators must report incidents of sexual harassment and gender-based crimes including sexual assault, stalking, and domestic/relationship violence. If you disclose any of these situations in class, in papers, or to me personally, I am required to report it to OSSR or DIEO for investigation. The Deputy Coordinator for USFSM is Mary Beth Wallace, AVP for Student Enrollment, Engagement and Success, 941-359-4330 or marybeth@sar.usf.edu.
**Campus Resources:**
Counseling Center and Wellness Center 941-487-4254
Victim Advocate (24/7) 941-504-8599
List of off-campus resources:
Hope of Manatee: 941-755-6805
Safe Place & Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) – Sarasota: 941-365-1976
First Call for Help- Manatee: 941-708-6488
Sarasota & North Port 941-366-5025
Manatee Glens: 941-782-4800

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