

Syllabus for SMGT 360 Environmental and Sustainability Policy

NOTE: This syllabus document contains the basic information about this course. The most current syllabus is available in the course.

Course Description

Topics include the spectrum of historical, theoretical and technical issues applicable to sustainable management of natural resources, environmental quality standards and risk management. Administrative structures that form the basis for selecting appropriate responses to complex management problems faced by industry, government and non-governmental agencies are identified. The historical development and current framework of public policy are investigated and specific foundational legislation is critiqued.

Prerequisites

SMGT 115

Course Outcomes

This course presents an essential foundation for critical thinking and professional development in the environmental science and management field. It also focuses on administrative structures in place for selecting the appropriate management responses by government and non-government agencies. Students are expected to draw on factual information and their own critical thinking and communication skills. Upon completion of the course, students will be prepared to.

Upon completion of the course, you will be able to do the following:

- Discuss the roles of the public, interest groups and the media in influencing environmental policy
- Describe the history of environmental policy and existing case law from the perspective of impact on current policy formulation
- Describe the processes of environmental agenda-setting, legislation and regulation
- Discuss the roles of federal, state and local government in administering environmental policy
- Perform a detailed investigation and evaluation of a foundational federal statute influencing environmental policy
- Understand current sustainable development and management issues and the roles of stakeholders in green policy formulation and implementation

Course Requirements/Components

Readings and Assignments

Students are expected to read the assigned text, related supplemental readings, lecture presentations and announcements prior to the class discussions and assignments. Any information in the text and other readings have the potential to be included in examination questions. Any materials used in preparation of the assignments are expected to be fully referenced. The use of Wikipedia as a primary reference is unacceptable as is the use of AI.

Grading Policy

Late homework will be downgraded 25% each day past the due date.

Makeup exams will only be given under exceptional, documentable circumstances. This cannot include scheduling conflicts.

Homework Assignments: 20%

Discussions: 20%

Vocabulary Quiz: 10%

Midterm Examination: 20%

Problem Exercise: 10%

Final Examination: 20%

Students are responsible for verifying that grades are entered and accurate as quickly as possible.

A = 90 to 100%

B = 80 to 89%

C = 70 to 79%

D = 60 to 69%

F = below 60%