

PSC 403A

Natural Resource Policy
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Syllabus

The following books/publications are required for purchase for this course:

- Davis, Charles, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, Second edition
- Reisner, Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water
- UNLV Academic Printing Service, "Natural Resource Policy, Study Guide"
- Water Education Foundation, Layperson's Guide to the Colorado River

Your grade for this course will be based on the following, with each counting for one-quarter:

- Mid-Term Exam
 - Final Exam
 - Weekly Class participation
 - Field-Trip - participation and write-ups
- Or** Term Paper

EXTRA CREDIT: On an unannounced basis, the professor will give extra credit to students who are present on-time for the start of class. On any given afternoon you will know that this policy is being implemented when the words “ON-TIME EXTRA CREDIT OPTION IN EFFECT” appear on the board.

POLICY REGARDING MAKE-UP EXAMS: Ordinarily no makeups will be given. However, if extraordinary circumstances seem to require one, then students must do the following in order to qualify: (1) inform the instructor of the problem at some time **prior** to the exam itself and (2) provide documentation afterwards. All make-up exams will be given on the afternoon of December 4, 2007.

ERes: UNLV’s Electronic Reserve Reading Service: **All readings other than those in your textbooks** are available on the internet at <http://ereserves.library.unlv.edu>. At this site, input the bar code from your UNLV ID card and then simply follow the prompts provided by the system. If you have any questions or if problems arise, call the Library’s Circulation Department at 895-2111.

CELL PHONES: Please be certain turn off all cell phones prior to the start of each class. If your cell rings during class you will receive one warning. After that you will be asked to leave class for the rest of the day.

RECORDING: I will be happy to allow you to record my lectures, if you ask permission. However, any unauthorized recording (on cell phone, camera, recorder, etc) and/or distribution will subject you to civil suit.

DRC: The UNLV Disability Resource Center houses the resources for students with disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC), Room 137. Their number is (702) 895-0866. For additional information please visit <http://www.unlv.edu/studentlife/drc>.

SAFETY WARNING: Last year there were attacks and carjackings in UNLV parking lots. These occurred during “evening class” hours. Be alert. Walk to your vehicles in groups.

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Reading Assignments **(POS 403A)**

<u>Class Meeting Date</u>	<u>Reading to be Completed by that Date</u>
August 28	- Buy the Books
September 4	- Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , Chapters 2 & 4 - Forest Policy Transformed Again: USFS Under Bush - The U.S. Forest Service (Bliese, <u>Greening of Cons. America</u>)
September 11	- The Big Blowup - The Anatomy of Fire - As Costs of Wildfire Grow, So Does A Question: Who Should Pay?

- Fire Wars - Just print this piece and bring it to class.
- September 18
 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, chapter 5 - Politics and Public Rangeland Policy
 - Bureau of Land Management (BLM) , Bliese, Greening of Cons America
 - Wild, Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act (WFRHBA),
 - Kleppe v. New Mexico, Donahue
- September 25
 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, pp: 231-23
 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, pp: 197-201 and 208-211
 - Getting the Lead Out
 - Lessons From The Wolf
 - Home On The Range: A Corridor for Wildlife
- October 2
 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, Chapter 1
 - Fourth Sagebrush Rebellion (Donahue)
- October 9
 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, chapter 8, National Parks Policy
 - Wilderness Preservation Policy: The Cases of Yosemite Park and Jackson Hole, Gonzalez, Corporate Power and the Environment
- October 16
 - Zion National Park, General Management Plan, pp. 1- 49.
This is four days before the Zion Field trip
- October 23
 - Mining, (Bliese, Greening of Cons America)
 - General Mining Law of 1872, Donahue
 - Can Congress Drag the 1872 Mining Law into the 21st Century?
 - Gas Industry Gets Cracking
- October 30
 - Mid Term Exam (All materials through October 23)

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- November 6
 - Reisner, Cadillac Desert, pp. 24 - 51
 - Reisner, Cadillac Desert, Chapter 3
- November 13
 - Reisner, Cadillac Desert, Chapter 2
- November 20
(Wk of Thanksgiving)
 - Reisner, Cadillac Desert, chapter 4
 - Layperson's Guide to the Colorado River
 - Federal Water Projects in the West (Bliese, Greening of Cons America)
- November 27
 - Reisner, Cadillac Desert, chapter 8
 - Arizona Returns To The Desert, Jenkins, High Country News

December 4

- Cold War Toxin Seeps Into Western Water
- What's Awash in the Wash?
- "Hoover Dam" Print from ERes and bring to class (not necessary to read it first)
- From Growing Crops to Growing Cities
- Layperson's Guide to Water Marketing, pp. 2 - 11
- Water Policy in a Time of Drought

Extra Credit: Attend any of the following University Forum lectures scheduled for this semester:
(7:30 PM; Barrick Museum Auditorium)

- Wednesday, September 12, "Climate History of the Earth"
- Tuesday, October 9, "Endangered Wildlife of the American Southwest"
- Thursday, November 29, "The Grand Canyon: 125 Years of Photography of An American Icon"