

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 May 7, 2008.

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.

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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: There have been attacks and carjackings in UNLV parking lots. They have been more likely to occur during "evening class" hours. Be alert. Walk to your vehicles in groups.

Reading Assignments

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<u>Class Meeting Date</u>	<u>Reading to be Completed by that Date</u>
January 24	- Buy the books
January 31	- Reisner, <u>Cadillac Desert</u> , pp. 24 - 51 - Reisner, <u>Cadillac Desert</u> , Chapter 3 - Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , Chapter 2 - John Muir Biography, Ecology Hall of Fame
February 7	- Reisner, <u>Cadillac Desert</u> , Chapter 2 - Payment due for Water Resources Field Trip \$8.00 (check or exact change, only)
February 14	- Reisner, <u>Cadillac Desert</u> , chapter 4 - <u>Layperson's Guide to the Colorado River</u> - Federal Water Projects in the West (Bliese, <u>Greening of Cons America</u>)
February 21	- Reisner, <u>Cadillac Desert</u> , chapter 8 - Arizona Returns To The Desert, Jenkins, <u>High Country News</u> - Cold War Toxin Seeps Into Western Water - What's Awash in the Wash? - "Hoover Dam" Print from ERes and <u>bring to class</u> (not necessary to read it first)
	- This is one day before the Water Resources Field Trip
February 28	- From Growing Crops to Growing Cities - <u>Layperson's Guide to Water Marketing</u> , pp. 2 - 11` - L. A. Bets on th Farm, <u>High Country News</u> - Water Policy in a Time of Drought - Other: Due Date for Water Resources Field Trip Paper
March 6	- Water Policy Exam - All materials through February 28
March 13	- The Big Blowup, <u>High Country News</u> - The Anatomy of Fire, <u>High Country News</u> - As Costs of Wildfire Grow, So Does A Question: Who Should Pay? - Fire Wars - Just print this piece and bring it to class. - Other: Payment due for Zion National Park Field Trip (Exact amount to be announced by Feb 21)
March 20	- Spring Break

- March 27
- Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, Chapters 1 & 4
 - Forest Policy Transformed Again: USFS Under Bush
 - The U.S. Forest Service (Bliese, Greening of Cons. America)
 - **Other: Due Date for Atomic Testing Museum Paper**
- April 3
- 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
- April 10
- Zion National Park, General Management Plan, pp. 1- 49.
This is one day before the Zion Field trip
- April 17
- 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), Donahue
 - Kleppe v. New Mexico, Donahue
 - Gas Industry Gets Cracking, High Country News
- April 24
- Mining, (Bliese, Greening of Cons America)
 - General Mining Law of 1872, Donahue
 - Can Congress Drag the 1872 Mining Law into the 21st Century?
 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, pp: 231-237
 - The Colorado River and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Adler, Restoring Colorado River Ecosystems, Chapter 7
 - **Other: Due Date for Zion Field Trip Paper**
- May 1
- Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, pp: 197-201 and 208-211
 - Getting the Lead Out, High Country News
 - Lessons From The Wolf
 - Home On The Range: A Corridor for Wildlife
- May 8
- Fourth Sagebrush Rebellion (Donahue)
 - Rebels With A Lost Cause, High Country News
 - **Other: Due Date for Red Rock NCA Paper**
- May 15
- Final Exam - All material since March 13