RESOURCE GEOGRAPHY

GEO 2370
Section 1
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Course Focus

Analysis of basic principles and problems associated with development, use, conservation, and management of natural resources, with special emphasis on the United States

Course Objectives

1. To provide the student with the basic principles associated with resource development and use.
2. Students will learn about the use, conservation, and management of natural resources.
3. Define natural resources and become familiar with specific examples.
4. Analyze the economic factors that control the use of natural resources.
5. Investigate the political importance on natural resource issues.
6. Examine the ecological effects of natural resource consumption.
7. Debate the ethical implication of exploitation, conservation, and preservation
8. Investigate the issues associated with agriculture, grazing, forestry, and biodiversity.
9. Analyze the use of water resources.
10. Understand the cultural factors that influence the use of natural resources.
11. Investigate traditional and non-traditional energy resources.
12. Investigate the possibility of sustainability.
13. Produce advanced discussions on select resource issues and topics
14. Formulate an advanced level of understanding of the geography of resources.

Required Texts

None

Supplementary Course Materials

Supplementary course materials will include readings from articles, newspapers or websites will be provided on Webcourses or can be found via common internet search tools.

Final Grading Scale

A	> 93	B+	87 – 89.99	C+	77 – 79.99	D+	66 – 69.99
A-	90 – 92	B	83 – 86	C	72 - 76	D	62 – 65
		B-	80 – 82	C-	70 - 71	D-	60 – 61
						F	< 59.99

Grading Criteria**

Final Exam: 20% Wednesday, December 5 at 1:00 PM
Assignments: 33%
Debates, Rebuttals, & Critiques: 30%
Resource Talk: 17%

Attendance Policy:

I do not hold a formal attendance policy. Attendance, however, will help each student understand the materials from the course and analyze the readings for their value to the course. This is a freshman level course. We will simulate real-life work and examples in Resource Geography. Treat this course as a career. Throughout the semester, I will randomly take attendance and for each time you are not present, I will deduct 5% from your final grade. If you have a valid class excuse, I will exempt you from the deduction on a case-by-case basis.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Students with disabilities needing academic accommodation should:
(1) register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center; and
(2) bring a letter to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type. This should be done during the first week of class.

Course Schedule

August 20/22: Introduction to the Course & Geography & Defining Nature and Landscape Reading
August 27/29: The Geography of the United States & GeoPolitical Impacts of Resources in the USA
September 3/5: No Class September 3 (Labor Day) & Populations & Resources
September 10/12: Capitalism & Resource Theories
September 17/19: Congressional Testimonies on Resource Debates
September 24/26: The Paris Climate Accords Ideas &
October 1/3: Development & Development Theories
October 8/10: Resource Debate 1 & 2
October 15/17: Resource Debate 3 & 4
October 22/24: Debate Wrap-Up and Current Events on Resource Management
October 29/31: Group Talks 1 & 2
November 5/7: Group Talks 3 & 4
November 12/14: No Class November 12 (Veteran's Day) & Group Talk 5
November 19/21: Group Talk 6 & No Class Wednesday, November 21
November 26/28: Group Talk 7 & 8
Wednesday, December 5 at 1:00 PM: Final Exam

*All elements of this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor during the course with due notice. An effort will be made to avoid any changes but circumstances may necessitate potential alterations, particularly those related to course format, scheduling and content.