In this course, we will examine environmental politics and policy. We will pay particular attention to the political forces that influence environmental policy. We will then discuss how politicians respond to those forces, and the public policy approaches that have been developed to address environmental problems.

If there are no spaces in this course available on GOLD, please sign up on the online wait list prior to the first class meeting (www.waitlist.ucsb.edu). Students should attend class during the first week to preserve their place on the wait list. If space becomes available, accommodation may be made for students who can demonstrate high priority need during the first week of class. Students should not assume that there will be space in discussion sections they want to attend.

Grades will be based on a midterm (30%), a term paper (30%), a final exam (30%), and section and class participation (10%). The research paper (9-12 pages) will be based on lectures, required readings, and outside research. The topics are posted on the class web page. You must also submit a proposal for your paper topic to your teaching assistant by Friday, February 14, and meet with your TA or me to discuss your paper. Topic changes will be allowed only with the permission of the TA. Details about the exams and paper assignment are posted on the class web page. The term paper is due on Friday, March 7, by 5 p.m. in the Political Science Department Mail Room.

A reminder about the use, or lack of use, of quotation marks and citations: The Campus Regulations have the following to say about plagiarism: "Representing the words, ideas, or concepts of another person without appropriate attribution is plagiarism. Whenever another person's written work is utilized, whether it be a single phrase or longer, quotation marks must be used and sources cited. Paraphrasing another's work, i.e., borrowing the ideas or concepts and putting them into one's 'own' words, must also be acknowledged." In addition, submitting the same paper to two classes is also considered cheating because the work is not original for both classes. Any act of plagiarism or other form of cheating will be rewarded with an automatic "F" and referral to the administration for further punishment.

All of the required reading is on reserve at the library. The reader is available at the Associated Students Publication Service (in the UCEN) and all the articles in the reader will be posted either in the ERes system (http://eres.library.ucsb.edu) or on Gauchospace. The course number is poli175 and the password is not available yet. The required textbooks are available at the UCSB Bookstore. The required books are:

**Required Texts:**
- Judith Layzer, *The Environmental Case*, 3rd ed
- Eric Smith, *Energy, the Environment, and Public Opinion*

**Web Pages:**
- Prof. Smith: http://www.polsci.ucsb.edu/faculty/smith/
- PS 175-ES178: http://www.polsci.ucsb.edu/faculty/smith/courses/ps175.html
COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS

Topics roughly correspond to weeks. The schedule may change to accommodate guest speakers. Holidays: Monday, January 20 (Martin Luther King, Jr.); Monday, February 17 (Presidents Day)

1. The Problems of Climate Change and Energy Supply

   Eric Smith, *Energy, the Environment, and Public Opinion*, chap 2
   Eric Smith, *Taking Climate Change Seriously*, chap 3 (unpublished)

2. Science vs. Politics

   Michael Shermmer, “The Liberal War on Science: How politics distorts science on both ends of the spectrum.” *Scientific American* January 21, 2013


3. History of the Environmental Movement

   Norman J. Vig & Michael E. Kraft, “Environmental Policy over Four Decades.” In Norman J. Vig & Michael E. Kraft, *Environmental Policy*, 7th ed, chap 1
   Judith Layzer, *The Environmental Case*, chap 5

4. **Public Opinion on Environmental Issues**

   Judith Layzer, *The Environmental Case*, chap 1
   Eric Smith, *Energy, the Environment, and Public Opinion*, chaps 1, 3-6
   Judith Layzer, *The Environmental Case*, chap 11

5. **Risk Perception**


   Elinor Ostrom, *Governing the Commons* pp. 88-102.
   Judith Layzer, *The Environmental Case*, chaps 2, 6-9

   *** MIDTERM: Wednesday, February 5 ***

7. **Command & Control Solutions vs. Market Solutions**

   Judith Layzer, *The Environmental Case*, chaps 3, 13 -16
   Norman Vig & Michael Kraft, *Environmental Policy*, chap 9

8. **The Precautionary Principle and Comparative Risk Analysis**


9. **Environmental Justice**

   Manuel Pastor, Jr., et al., “Environmental Inequity in Metropolitan Los Angeles.” In Robert Bullard, ed., *The Quest for Environmental Justice*
   Judith Layzer, *The Environmental Case*, chap 4

   *** FINAL EXAM: Friday, March 21, 12:00-3:00. Early finals will not be given.***