In this course, we will examine environmental politics and policy. The course is something of a hybrid. Part of the course will focus in depth on public opinion and an original research project, which we will conduct this term. The other part of the course will review important topics in environmental politics and policy.

The course requirements are: (1) two short papers (3-5 pages) analytically discussing some part of a week’s reading. One of the papers is due by week 4 and the other is due by week 8. (2) A term paper, which may be: (a) a critical review and synthesis of the literature, (b) a full-length research proposal or dissertation prospectus, or (c) an original research paper. (3) Participation in the class research project. (4) Participation in class discussions. (5) Taking the Human Subjects Training Module and qualify for HS research. The two short papers will each be worth 15% of the grade; the term paper will be worth 50%; participation will be worth 20%. The term paper is expected to be 20-25 pages. Finally, I should note that the course content and readings are flexible. I may change topics and readings in response to student requests to cover other relevant topics.

All of the required reading except for the books should be on GauchoSpace. The required books are:

**Required Texts:**
- Max Boykoff, *Who Speaks for the Climate? Making Sense of Media Reporting on Climate Change*
- Elinor Ostrom, *Governing the Commons*
- * Cass Sunstein, *Risk and Reason*
- * Kerry Whiteside, *Precautionary Politics*

** I have not ordered Sunstein or Whiteside at the bookstore because we are only reading a portion of each book. You can get them very cheaply on the web.

**Web Pages:**
- Prof. Smith [http://www.polsci.ucsb.edu/faculty/smith/](http://www.polsci.ucsb.edu/faculty/smith/)
- PS 175 [http://www.polsci.ucsb.edu/faculty/smith/courses/ps175.html](http://www.polsci.ucsb.edu/faculty/smith/courses/ps175.html)

**COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS**

**Sept 27. Introduction**
- Discussion of the research project
- Discussion of climate change science

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October 4. Values underlying Opinions on Environmental Issues


October 11. Public Opinion and Climate Change

David Konisky and Stephen Ansolabehere, *Cheap and Clean*


Davis and Wurth, "Voting preferences and the environment in the American electorate: the discussion extended."

* Lawrence Hamilton and Mary Stampone, “‘Blowin’ in the wind: Short-term weather and belief in anthropogenic climate change.” *Weather, Climate, and Society*


October 18. Science vs. Politics

Max Boykoff, *Who Speaks for the Climate? Making Sense of Media Reporting on Climate Change*

* Chris Mooney, *The Republican War on Science*
* Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway, *Merchants of Doubt*
* Aaron Wildavsky, *But is it True?*
* Bjørn Lomborg, *The Skeptical Environmentalist*
* Paul Ehrlich and Anne Ehrlich, *The Betrayal of Science and Reason*

October 25. Risk Perception

Timothy Earle and George Cvetkovich, “Social Trust and Culture in Risk Management.” In George Cvetkovich and Ragnar Loftstedt, ed. *Social Trust and the Management of Risk.*
November 1. Agenda Setting and the Environment


* Shanto Iyengar and Donald Kinder, *News That Matters*


Elinor Ostrom, * Governing the Commons* (1990)


November 15. Advocacy Coalitions


See also:
November 22. Cost-Benefit Analysis vs. the Precautionary Principle

Cass Sunstein, *Risk and Reason*, chap 1-5
Kerry Whiteside, *Precautionary Politics* (2006), chap 1-3
* Joel Tickner, ed., *Environmental Science and the Precautionary Principle*
* Nancy Myers and Carolyn Raffensperger, *Precautionary Tools for Reshaping Environmental Policy*
* K. S. Shrader-Frechette, *Risk and Rationality*
* Mary O’Brien, *Making Better Environmental Decisions*

November 29. Environmental Justice

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

* David Schlosberg, *Defining Environmental Justice*
* Edwardo Rhodes, *Environmental Justice in America: A New Paradigm*

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS WEBSITES:

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Dave Robertson (U. of Missouri-St. Louis), Environmental Politics and Policy: a Bibliography for Teaching and Research: http://www.umsl.edu/~robertsondb/248/sy248bib.html