

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, including **QUIZZES**
- Field-Trip participation (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.

**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) in class 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 semester there were attacks and carjackings in UNLV parking lots. These occurred during "evening class" hours. Be alert. Walk to your vehicles in groups.

# Reading Assignments (POS 403A)

<u>Class Meeting Date</u>	<u>Reading to be Completed by that Date</u>
January 18	- Buy the Books
January 25	- 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
February 1	- Reisner, <u>Cadillac Desert</u> , chapter 4 - Layperson's Guide to the Colorado River - Federal Water Projects in the West (Bliese, Greening of Cons America)
February 8	- Reisner, <u>Cadillac Desert</u> , chapter 8 - Arizona Returns To The Desert, Jenkins, High Country News - Cold War Toxin Seeps Into Western Water - What's Awash in the Wash? - The Black Mesa Coal Slurry Pipeline, Glennon, Water Follies - Print from ERes and <u>bring to class</u> (not necessary to read it first): Hoover Dam
February 15	- Reisner, <u>Cadillac Desert</u> , Chapter 2 - Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , Chapter 1
February 22	- From Growing Crops to Growing Cities - Layperson's Guide to Water Marketing, pp. 2 - 11 - Water Policy in a Time of Drought
March 1	- 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, like you did with "Hoover Dam."
March 8	- Midterm Exam
March 15	- Spring Break
March 22	- Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , chapter 8, National Parks Policy - Wilderness Preservation Policy: The Cases of Yosemite Park and Jackson Hole, Gonzalez, <u>Corporate Power and the Environment</u>

- March 29 - Zion National Park, General Management Plan, pp. 1- 49.
- April 5 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics,  
chapter 4 - Forest Policy  
- Forest Policy Transformed Again: USFS Under Bush  
- The U.S. Forest Service (Bliese, Greening of Cons. America)
- April 12 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics,  
chapter 5 - Politics and Public Rangeland Policy  
- General Mining Law of 1872, Donahue  
- Mining, (Bliese, Greening of Cons America)
- April 19 - Bureau of Land Management, Bliese, Greening of Cons America)  
- Wild, Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (WFRHBA), Donahue  
- Kleppe v. New Mexico, Donahue
- April 26 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics,  
pp: 231-237  
- Fourth Sagebrush Rebellion (Donahue)
- May 3 - Davis, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics,  
pp: 197-201 and 208-211  
- Lessons From The Wolf  
- Home On The Range: A Corridor for Wildlife

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

- Thursday, February 15: “Groundwater for Las Vegas” (The pipeline from northern counties)
- Thursday, April 5: “Global Warming”
- Thursday, April 12: “Resource Politics: An Unbiased View of Oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve (ANWR)”