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Introduction to Leadership in International Affairs

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In this course, students will learn about the nature of international environmental problems and will apply an interdisciplinary set of analytical tools to understand their causes and possible solutions. The course will survey and analyze the actual and potential institutions the international community employs to address these problems.

The course will include several requirements, more fully described below: (a) completing assigned readings before class and participating in class discussions; (b) preparing journal entries; (c) taking a final exam. Class participation and the journal entries together will be worth 25% of your grade and the take home final 75%. Incompletes are strongly discouraged, except for medical and other serious emergency.

a. Readings and Participation. Please read the assigned readings before class and be prepared to discuss them in class.

b. Journal Entries. For two of the four class sessions, you will submit a 2 page typed, double-spaced journal entry on some aspect of that week’s reading. Rather than a summary of the reading, the journal entry should express your critical thoughts and reactions. You should submit journal entries in class. If you will be absent, you may submit your journal entry by e-mail. Late entries will be penalized ½ a mark; entries not submitted by the next class will not be graded.

c. Final Exam. There will be take-home final exam covering the entire class, including all assigned readings.

COURSE MATERIALS: All students are expected to purchase the following books:


Supplemental readings also will be made available. The reading assignments listed below are subject to modification.

OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION. Office hours will be from 4:00 to 5:30 on Wednesdays and 11 to 12:30 on Thursdays, or by appointment. I am also available after class. My extension is 2517; my e-mail address is moremeph@shu.edu.

PLAGIARISM AND OTHER SERIOUS ABUSES OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY. Plagiarism, cheating on an exam, or other serious abuses of academic integrity will not be tolerated and may result in a failing grade on the assignment in question, a failing grade for the class, and/or further disciplinary action. Plagiarism means passing off someone else’s language or ideas as your own. Where you quote language word for word from a source, you must place it in quotation marks or in a block quote and give the exact source for each quoted passage. Where you paraphrase something,
you must cite the source. Where you refer to or use an author's insight or idea, you must cite the source. Lifting language from a web site without indication and citation is plagiarism.

CURRICULUM AND READINGS

P&B = Porter & Brown, Global Environmental Politics.
GPB = Green Planet Blue.
Supp = Supplemental readings

Session 1: [1/15] Course Introduction
- General Background Reading:
  - P&B: pp. 1-12; 25-32; 175-182.
  - GPB, Introduction: Conca & Dabelko, Twenty-five Years of Global Environmental Politics, pp. 3-13.

Session 1: Sustainable Development; Population, Consumption, and Technology
- GPB, Ch. 23: World Commission on Environment and Development, Towards Sustainable Development.
- GPB, Ch. 28: Durning, How Much is Enough.
  - Supp: Paul & Anne Ehrlich, Why Isn't Everyone as Scared as We Are?
  - Supp: Ben Wattenburg, The Population Explosion is Over.
  - Supp: UN Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Prospects: the 2002 Revision [Excerpt]

Session 4: Oceans and Fisheries.
- GPB, Ch. 3: Garret Hardin, The Tragedy of the Commons.
- GPB, Ch. 5: Feeny, et al.: The Tragedy of the Commons: Twenty-two Years Later.
- GPB, Ch. 1: Meadows, et al., The Limits to Growth.
  - P&B: 135-141.
  - Supp: Hunter, et al., International Environmental Law, 675-686; 702-721. [Read for general concepts; skim treaty provisions].
Session: Climate Change
-P&B: 112-124.
-GPB, Ch. 15: Sheila Jasanoff, *Skinning Scientific Cats*.


Session 13: [4/16] Trade and Environment
-P&B: pp. 182-199.
- GPB, Ch. 18: Jagdish Bhagwati, *The Case for Free Trade*.
- GPB, Ch. 19: Herman Daly, *The Perils of Free Trade*.
- Supp: John Jackson, *World Trade Rules and Environmental Policies: Congruence or Conflict?*
- Supp: Various summaries of WTO dispute resolution decisions.

-P&B: pp. 98-103; 124-130.
- P&B: pp. 130-135; 199-212.