

**Cleveland State University
Levin College of Urban Affairs
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**Environmental Policy and Administration (ENV / UST 435)
UR 108 - Mondays and Wednesdays 1:30 – 3:20 p.m.**

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Course Description

This course is an introduction to the forces that are shaping environmental policy and administration as we enter the new century. We will also explore career opportunities for students interested in this challenging and fulfilling field.

Required Reading: Norman J. Vig and Michael E. Kraft (2006). Environmental policy: new directions for the 21st century. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Rosemary O’Leary (2006). The ethics of dissent: managing guerrilla government. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

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Grading

Course grades will be based on the following criteria:

Class preparation and participation – 20%

Attendance and dialogue are important components of this course. You are expected to attend class prepared to thoughtfully discuss the assigned readings. If you are unable to attend class, please contact me *before* the class. You are responsible for obtaining notes and information from your colleagues.

Outline of research paper – 10%

To make writing your final paper easier, you will prepare a 3-5 page narrative outline (complete sentences not bullet points) describing the research question (what you want to find out). We will spend class time searching the academic literature for information about your topic.

Research paper – 20%

The paper should be written using APA style. I will explain this simple author / date style of citing published works in class. The paper should be 10-15 pages long, double-spaced with a one-inch margin around the text.

Presentation of research – 10%

Near the end of the semester everyone will have the opportunity to present their research to the class. This presentation is limited to 10 minutes with 5 additional minutes for questions from the class.

Examinations – 40%

There will be two ‘short essay’ type take home exams, the midterm and the final. Each will be worth 20 points.

You will see from the above that you have many opportunities to earn 100 points. Using the table below as a guide, you will always know how you are doing in the course.

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| A | 95-100 | C+ | 70-74 |
| A- | 90-94 | C | 65-69 |
| B+ | 85-89 | D | 60-64 |
| B | 80-84 | F | <60 |
| B- | 75-79 | | |

Course Outline – Class Topics and Assignments

(This is a general schedule and may be modified during the semester.)

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| Monday, 8/28 | Introduction to Course Personal Introductions What do you want to learn? |
| Wednesday, 8/30 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 1 – Environmental Policy from the 1970s to the Twenty-First Century |
| Monday, 9/4 | Labor Day – No Class |
| Wednesday, 9/6 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 2 – Power to the States: The Promise and Pitfalls of Decentralization and Chap. 3 – Environmental Sustainability and Urban Life in America |
| Monday, 9/11 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 4 – Maintaining Presence: Environmental Advocacy and the Permanent Campaign and O’Leary Prelude and Chap. 1 – Guerrilla What? |

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| Wednesday, 9/13 | Speaker |
| Monday, 9/18 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 5 – Presidential Leadership and the Environment and Chap. 6 – Environmental Policy in Congress |
| Wednesday, 9/20 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 7 – Environmental Policy in the Courts and Chap. 8 - Improving Environmental Regulation at the EPA: The Challenge in Balancing Politics, Policy, and Science |
| Monday, 9/25 | Paper Proposal Due O’Leary Chap. 2 – Guerrilla Government and the Nevada Wetlands and First Interlude: More Stories of Guerrilla Government |
| Wednesday, 9/27 | Class meets in computer lab to do research for paper |
| Monday, 10/2 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 9 – Economics, Incentives, and Environmental Policy Video – William McDonough – “Business as an Agent of World Benefit” |
| Wednesday, 10/4 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 12 – The Greening of Industry: Combining Government Regulation and Voluntary Strategies Midterm Distributed |
| Monday, 10/9 | Columbus Day – No Class |
| Wednesday, 10/11 | Midterm due at the Beginning of Class Speaker |
| Monday, 10/16 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 11 – Environmental Justice: Normative Concerns, Empirical Evidence, and Government Action and Chap. 15- Environment, Population, and the Developing World |
| Wednesday, 10/18 | Speaker or Field Trip |
| Monday, 10/23 | O’Leary Chap. 3 – Guerrilla Government in EPA’s Seattle Regional Office and Second Interlude: More Stories of Guerrilla Government |
| Wednesday, 10/25 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 10- Risk-Based Decision Making: Policy, Science, and Politics |

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| Monday, 10/30 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 13 – Climate Policy on the Installment Plan |
| Wednesday, 11/1 | Speaker or Field Trip |
| Monday, 11/6 | Vig & Kraft Chap. 14 – A Return to Traditional Priorities in Natural Resource Policies |
| Wednesday, 11/8 | O’Leary Chap. 5 – Managing Guerrilla Government: Ethical Crusaders or Insubordinate Renegades? and Postlude: Are There Lessons? |
| Monday, 11/13 | Research Papers Due Paper Presentations |
| Wednesday, 11/15 | Paper Presentations Vig & Kraft Chap. 16 – International Trade and Environmental Regulation |
| Monday, 11/20 | Paper Presentations |
| Wednesday, 11/22 | Paper Presentations Vig & Kraft Chap. 17 – Toward Sustainable Development? |
| Monday, 11/27 | Paper Presentations |
| Wednesday, 11/29 | Course Review Distribute Final |
| Monday, 12/4 | Field Trip earlier in the semester in lieu of this class |
| Wednesday, 12/6 | Field Trip earlier in the semester in lieu of this class |
| Monday, 12/11 | Final Due |

