

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Bachelor of Applied Forest Resources Management

Forest Policy and Regulation: FO4220 (Winter 2000) (3-0-0)

Transfer status: Under discussion

Pre-requisites: FO3190 or equivalent

Calendar description: Analysis of the formulation, evaluation and implementation processes in forest policy and law. Selected provincial, national, and/or international policies and laws will be reviewed and current policy issues discussed.

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Lectures: Tuesday, Thursday 11:30 – 12:50 Room: B305

Course objectives: The course objective is to provide you with the ability to analyze a broad range of forest policy issues. This objective will be pursued by investigating processes and results of policy formation from theoretical perspectives, and by analyzing a number of issues relevant to foresters in Canada, The United States, and globally.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Text:

Ross, Monique (1995). Forest management in Canada. Canadian Institute of Resources Law. Calgary, Alberta. 388 pp.

Tollefson, Chris (1999). The wealth of forests - Markets, regulation, and sustainable forestry. UBC Press. Vancouver, Canada. 396 pp.

Other references:

Other material as assigned

Course Outline:

SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

- Week 1: Introduction, course outline, student evaluation, etc.
- Week 2: Basic concepts of forest policy
- Week 3: Definitions; individuals and institutions; institutions and policy; public and social choice; ends, means, results and processes
- Week 4: Analysis of forest policy results
- Week 5: Welfare analysis criteria; market failures; regulating markets; forest tenures as property rights; forest tenures as tools of regulation; second best problems; government failures; optimal policies
- Week 6: Processes of forest policy formation
- Week 7: (MID-TERM) Theory on policy formation; public involvement in policy formation; institutions for provincial and federal policy
- Week 8: Reading Week
- Week 9: Forest policy in a Canadian context
- Week 10: Alberta, BC, and the rest of Canada
- Week 11: International forest policy
- Week 12: Deforestation and forest product certification
- Week 13: Perspectives in forest policy
- Week 14: Guest lectures on perspectives on forest policy from industry, Government and environmentalists
- Week 15: Presentations and review

Evaluation:

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| Mid-term | 25 % |
| Assignments | 20% |
| Project and presentation | 15% |
| Final | 40% |

Assignments are to be handed in on time. Late assignments/labs will be accepted, but will be subjected to an automatic deduction of 10% per day that the assignment is late. Completion of all assignments/labs and the mid-term is necessary in order to pass the course. The final exam must be completed in order to be eligible for credit for this course.