

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

Forest Policy and Regulation: FO4220 (Winter 2002) (3-0-0)

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: C316

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 (1998). The wealth of forests. Vancouver, BC. 396 pp.

Other references:

Other material as assigned

Other sources:

Lectures by visiting practitioner

Course Outline:

SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

(December 30) Week 1:	Introduction, course outline, student evaluation, etc.
(January 6) Week 2:	Basic concepts of forest policy
(January 13) Week 3:	Definitions; individuals and institutions; institutions and policy; public and social choice; ends, means, results and processes
(January 20) Week 4:	Analysis of forest policy results
(January 27) 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
(February 3) Week 6:	Processes of forest policy formation
(February 10) Week 7:	Theory on policy formation; public involvement in policy formation; institutions for provincial and federal policy
(February 17) Week 8:	MID-TERM
(February 24) Week 9:	"Reading week"
(March 3) Week 10:	Forest policy in a Canadian context
(March 10) Week 11:	Alberta, BC, and the rest of Canada
(March 17) Week 12:	International forest policy
(March 24) Week 13:	Deforestation and forest product certification
(March 31) Week 14:	Perspectives in forest policy
(April 7) Week 15:	Presentations and review

Evaluation:

Mid-term	25 %
Assignments	15%
Project and presentation	15%
Final	40%
Class participation	05%

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 school 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 with a grade of at least 50% in order to be eligible for credit for this course.