

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

**Forest Policy and Regulation: FO4220 (Winter 2003) (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: Monday, Wednesday                      8:30 – 9:50                      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)

(January 6) Week 1:	Introduction, course outline, student evaluation, etc.
(January 13) Week 2:	Basic concepts of forest policy
(January 20) Week 3:	Definitions; individuals and institutions; institutions and policy; public and social choice; ends, means, results and processes
(January 27) Week 4:	Processes of forest policy formation
(February 3) Week 5:	Theory on policy formation; public involvement in policy formation; institutions for provincial and federal policy
(February 10) Week 6:	Analysis of forest policy results
(February 17) Week 7:	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 MID-TERM
(February 24) Week 8:	"Reading week"
(March 3) Week 9:	Forest policy in a Canadian context
(March 10) Week 10:	Alberta, BC, and the rest of Canada
(March 17) Week 11:	International forest policy
(March 24) Week 12:	Topics to be determined
(March 31) Week 13:	Perspectives in forest policy
(April 7) Week 14:	The big picture
(April 14) Week 15:	Presentations and review

## **Evaluation:**

<b>Mid-term</b>	<b>25 %</b>
<b>Assignments</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Project and presentation</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Class participation</b>	<b>05%</b>

Assignments are to be handed in on time. Late assignments/labs will be accepted; but will be subjected to an automatic deduction of 25% 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.