

FOR 509: FOREST RESOURCE POLICY
Spring 2005
Brief Course Description

Objectives

Public policies have played major roles in establishing and defining professional management of forest resources for over a century. Almost a third of the land in the U.S. is forested, and over one-quarter of that is publicly owned. Law and policy are crucial in determining the allocation of resources on public lands and the management and protection of forest resources on both public and private lands.

Forest Resource Policy is intended to familiarize graduate students with political processes, public institutions, and natural resource laws. After completing the course, students should be able to understand how political events shape public programs, be familiar with major U.S. forest resource laws and agencies, and be capable of analyzing current resource issues using a rational comprehensive policy approach.

Description

Forest Resource Policy presents models of political processes that students and professionals can use to analyze how issues arise and forest policies are debated, formulated, and implemented. Current forestry, wildlife and recreation laws, institutions, and programs are summarized, and their status is related to the underlying public debates and political events that led to their development.

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Class Meeting Times:

Fridays Room 3111 Jordan Hall, February 11 - March 18 3:00-6:00 pm

Course Outline and Reading Assignments

Class 1	Policy Processes Markets, Government, Policy Analysis	Friday, February 11
	Chapter 1 Forest Resources and Public Policy Chapter 2 Policy and Political Processes Chapter 3 Markets, Government, and Forest Resources Chapter 5 Policy Analysis, Evaluation, and Implementation	
Class 2	Political Institutions	Friday, February 18
	Chapter 6 The Legislature Chapter 7 The Executive Branch Chapter 8 The Judiciary and the Law The U.S. Constitution; The U.S. Budget Highlights	
Class 3	Forest Resource Laws and History	Friday, February 25
	Chapter 12 Public Ownership and Management of Land Appendix A Principal Federal Laws Relating to Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, Range, and Recreation Mimeo History of Natural Resource Laws and Policies	
Class 4	Regulation/Assistance for Private Forest Landowners	Friday, March 4
	Chapter 14 Federal Environmental Protection and Regulation Chapter 17 Public Assistance for Private Owners Nonindustrial Private Forest Landowners Review	
Class 5	Exam	Friday, March 18

Textbook:

Cubbage, Frederick W., Jay O'Laughlin, and Charles S. Bullock III. 1993. Forest Resource Policy. John Wiley & Sons. New York. 562 p. Approx. price \$80. (text on reserve in library).

Lecture Room: 3111 Jordan Hall **Class Time:** Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm

Grading: One examination; A through F, plus and minus system

1) Instructor

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2) Goals and Objectives

See brief description.

3) Required Readings and Textbooks

See brief description.

4) Course Organization and Scope

See brief description.

5) Schedule of Reading Assignments

See brief description.

6) Schedule of Homework Assignments

See brief description.

7) Grading

See brief description.

8) Policies on Incomplete Grades

Incompletes are given only with prior arrangement with the instructor. All incompletes must be resolved by the end of the next semester or they will be converted to a failing grade.

9) Absences and Make-up Work

Class lectures will present material different than that in the readings. Students are responsible for obtaining copies of the lecture material and the notes from their colleagues if absent, and are responsible for learning the material for the final exam.

10) Course Prerequisites

None

11) **Academic Integrity**

The NCSU Academic Integrity Statement applies to this and all other NCSU classes. The final exam is a 2-hour individual exam with no notes, books, or assistance from other students allowed.

12) **Students with Disabilities**

Students with disabilities will be reasonably accommodated. Please inform the instructors of specific disabilities or accommodations in advance so we may respond appropriately. NC State Policy on Working with Students with Disabilities applies.

13) **Laboratory Safety**

The class has no labs, and should pose no exceptional problems.

14) **Pass-Through Charges:** No additional class charges required.