

**San José State University**  
**Environmental Studies 140, Politics and the Environment**

**Course and Contact Information**

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**Course Description**

Application of different political strategies to local issues examined through examples from specific environmental challenges facing the Bay Area. Considers relative contributions of the public, elected officials, government employees and interest groups in environmental decision-making.

**Required Texts/Readings**

*George Lakoff, The Elephant Returns, Chelsea Green Publishing Co.*

*Jacqueline Vaughn, Environmental Politics, Any Edition, Thomas Learning Co.*

**Course Requirements and Assignments**

Grading

- *Take home quizzes. 7 total, each worth 5%, Total: 35%*
- *Take home final - 28%*
- *Class participation - 13%*
- *Mediation - 5%*
- *Class presentation - 15%*
- *Article Evaluation - 4%*

## **Grading Policy**

### **Notes on Grading**

*All quizzes and the final are take home. You are free to discuss the issues with anyone, and to look at any source, but all writing must be done solely by you. You are expected to do some research to write your response, which should be lengthier than an "in class" quiz. A typical two point question would receive at least a 1 page double spaced answer.*

*An entire class will be devoted to a graded mediation. The class will be divided into about 5-10 groups, and each group will receive secret instructions on how they will be graded. The goal is for the group to achieve agreement on the issues.*

*Class participation grades will be based on one point for discussion per class.*

*Students will make a class presentation. Presentations must include graphics, such as PowerPoint. Presentations are 10 minutes, plus time for questions.*

*Eight students will present their paper by appearing on the Breathe California TV show. Graphics are limited on the show to one rigid 2X3' storyboard. Presenters must provide a one paragraph introduction and 10 questions for the host to ask them. These are due the Friday before the recording sessions, which are April 13 and May 11.*

*Take home final is due the last day of classes, May 16, at noon.*

*For the second class, you will do an evaluation of an article involving politics and the environment. The evaluation should follow this format:*

- 1. Title of article, its source, and date of publication;*
- 2. The decision making body, if any;*
- 3. Groups involved besides the decision maker; and*
- 4. Explain where the article's contents fit into the public policy setting process attached to this syllabus.*

## **University Policies**

### **General Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities of the Student**

As members of the academic community, students accept both the rights and responsibilities incumbent upon all members of the institution. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with SJSU's policies and practices pertaining to the procedures to follow if and when questions or concerns about a class arises. To learn important campus information, view [University Policy S90-5](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S90-5.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S90-5.pdf> and SJSU current semester's [Policies and Procedures](http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html), at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>. In general, it is recommended that students begin by seeking clarification or discussing concerns with their instructor. If

such conversation is not possible, or if it does not address the issue, it is recommended that the student contact the Department Chair as the next step.

### **Dropping and Adding**

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic year calendars document on the [Academic Calendars webpage](http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/) at [http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic\\_calendars/](http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/). The [Late Drop Policy](http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/>. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes.

Information about the latest changes and news is available at the [Advising Hub](http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>.

### **Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material**

[University Policy S12-7](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf), <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf>, requires students to obtain instructor's permission to record the course and the following items to be included in the syllabus:

- “Common courtesy and professional behavior dictate that you notify someone when you are recording him/her. You must obtain the instructor's permission to make audio or video recordings in this class. Such permission allows the recordings to be used for your private, study purposes only. The recordings are the intellectual property of the instructor; you have not been given any rights to reproduce or distribute the material.”
  - It is suggested that the greensheet include the instructor's process for granting permission, whether in writing or orally and whether for the whole semester or on a class by class basis.
  - In classes where active participation of students or guests may be on the recording, permission of those students or guests should be obtained as well.
- “Course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and cannot be shared publicly without his/her approval. You may not publicly share or upload instructor generated material for this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, or homework solutions without instructor consent.”

### **Academic integrity**

Your commitment, as a student, to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The [University Academic Integrity Policy S07-2](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf> requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The [Student Conduct and Ethical Development website](http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/>.

### **Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act**

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. [Presidential Directive 97-03](http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf) at [http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD\\_1997-03.pdf](http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf) requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the [Accessible Education Center](http://www.sjsu.edu/aec) (AEC) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aec> to establish a record of their disability.

## Course Schedule

Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
Feb 1	Readings: L (all), V (Ch2). Jose Esteves, Mayor of Milpitas
Feb 8	Readings: V (Ch2). Environmental Groups: Meet at Breathe California, 1469 Park Ave., San Jose 95126. <b>Article Evaluation Due</b>
Feb 15	No Class
Feb 21	Readings: V (Ch3). 11:00AM - 1:00PM Assembly candidates debate. Los Altos Youth Center, 9 Hillview Ave., 94022
Feb 22	No Class
Feb 29	Readings: V (Ch7 pg 337-339). Barbara Keegan, SCVWD
Mar 7	Readings: V (Ch4). Sequoia Hall, Open Space Authority
Mar 14	Readings: V (Ch6). Graded Mediation
Mar 20	Readings: V (Ch10). Climate Geopolitics, Foreign Policy Association 6:00PM - 7:30PM., First Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto 94301
Mar 21	No Class
Apr 4	Readings: V (Ch9). Councilwoman Tara Martin-Milius, Land Use Deadline for Presentation Selection
Apr 11	No Class
Apr 13	Readings: V (Ch1). <b>12:15PM - 2:30PM</b> . Presentations at CreaTV, 255 W. Julian, San Jose.
Apr 18	Readings: V (Ch8). Iris Stewart-Frey & Chris Bacon, Environmental Justice in Santa Clara County
Apr 25	Readings: V (Ch12). Rod Sinks, Community Choice Energy. Presentations
May 2	Readings: V (Ch5). Presentations
May 9	Readings: V (Ch11). Presentations
May 13	<b>Noon. Final due to my box in Environmental Studies Dept. Office</b>
	Readings L: Lakoff    V: Vaughn