

# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & CULTURE (ENVR\_POL)

**ENVR\_POL 101-7 College Seminar (1 Unit)** Small, writing and discussion-oriented course exploring a specific topic or theme, and introducing skills necessary to thriving at Northwestern. Not eligible to be applied towards a WCAS major or minor except where specifically indicated.

**ENVR\_POL 101-8 First-Year Writing Seminar (1 Unit)** Small, writing and discussion-oriented course exploring a specific topic or theme, and focused on the fundamentals of effective, college-level written communication. Not eligible to be applied towards a WCAS major or minor except where specifically indicated.

**ENVR\_POL 211-0 Food and Society: An Introduction (1 Unit)** Overview of past and present food systems from a sociological perspective, examining the roles of culture, government policy, and social movements in shaping such systems and future alternatives. ENVR\_POL 211-0 and SOCIOL 211-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

**ENVR\_POL 212-0 Environment and Society (1 Unit)** Key environmental problems, such as climate change and oil spills; how they are shaped by the market, government regulations, and social movements; possible solutions. SOCIOL 212-0 and ENVR\_POL 212-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

**ENVR\_POL 251-0 The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History (1 Unit)** A global survey of natural disasters over the last several centuries. Key themes include: inequality, social vulnerability, environmental racism, historical memory and forgetting, and preventability. Using disaster history to better understand and meet the present and future challenges of global climate change. HISTORY 251-0 and ENVR\_POL 251-0 are taught together; students may not receive credit for both. *Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity Historical Studies Foundational Discipline Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

**ENVR\_POL 283-0 Introduction to Literature and the Environment (1 Unit)** Studies in literature and other media oriented by ecological thinking. An introduction to the ways in which language, literature, and aesthetic production shape ideas about nature, varying widely across historical and cultural contexts. Suitable for majors and nonmajors. No prior knowledge of the field is expected. ENGLISH 283-0 taught with ENVR\_POL 283-0; may not receive credit for both. *Literature Fine Arts Distro Area Literature and Arts Foundational Discipline*

**ENVR\_POL 284-0 Topics in Literature and the Environment (1 Unit)** Content varies. In contrast to ENGLISH 283-0, which offers a broad survey of the field, this course explores particular topics in greater depth. Suitable for majors and non-majors. No prior knowledge of the field is expected. May be repeated for credit with a different topic. ENGLISH 284-0 and ENVR\_POL 284-0 are taught together. *Literature Fine Arts Distro Area Literature and Arts Foundational Discipline*

**ENVR\_POL 290-0 Special Topics in Environmental Policy and Culture (1 Unit)** Lecture course on environmental issues of current interest to students and faculty. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

**ENVR\_POL 309-0 American Environmental History (1 Unit)** American history from precontact to the present, focusing on the role of the

natural world in human history and the role of human thought and action in natural history. ENVR\_POL 309-0 and HISTORY 309-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. *Advanced Expression Historical Studies Distro Area Historical Studies Foundational Discipline U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

**ENVR\_POL 335-0 Environmental Art and Advocacy (1 Unit)** This course examines the use of visual and media arts for public advocacy regarding environmental concerns. We focus on advocacy groups using artistic works, practices, or techniques, and on artists shaping their work to inform and persuade the public. COMM\_ST 373-0 taught with ENVR\_POL 335-0; students may not receive credit for both.

**ENVR\_POL 337-0 Hazard, Disaster and Society (1 Unit)** This course examines how socioeconomic and environmental factors work together to cause hazards and disasters in human society. In this course, we learn the main concepts about disasters, such as preparedness, vulnerability, resilience, response, mitigation, etc. We learn that a disaster does not have the same effect on everyone, and factors of social inequality such as race, ethnicity, class, and gender make people more vulnerable to the impacts of disasters. ENVR\_POL 337-0 and GBL\_HLTH 337-0 are taught together; students may not receive credit for both. *Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

**ENVR\_POL 338-0 Environmental Justice (1 Unit)** This course examines how environmental problems reflect and exacerbate social inequality. In this course, we learn the definition of environmental (in)justice, the history of environmental justice and discuss examples of environmental justice. We will learn about environmental movements and local resistance to protect natural resources. ENVR\_POL 338-0 and GBL\_HLTH 338-0 are taught together; students may not receive credit for both. *Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

**ENVR\_POL 339-0 Silent but Loud: Negotiating Health in a Cultural, Food, Poverty, Environ. Caste (1 Unit)** This course explores how (un)health as a language is connected to certain bodies. Students will analyze the origins of bio-measurements used to justify "Othering" (not fitting within the norms of a dominant social group) and learn to formulate counternarratives to dominant ideological language that silently forms stereotypes, controlling images, hypervisibility, and invisibility that echo loudly as contributing to health inequities. GBL\_HLTH 339-0 and ENVR\_POL 339-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

**ENVR\_POL 340-0 Global Environments and World History (1 Unit)** The planet's life support systems are at risk. This introductory course explores the recent histories of big environmental problems around the world, including industrialization, toxic contaminants, climate change, extractive economies, intercontinental warfare, and energy regimes. ENVR\_POL 340-0 and HISTORY 376-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. *Advanced Expression Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity Historical Studies Distro Area Historical Studies Foundational Discipline Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

**ENVR\_POL 351-0 Land, Identity and the Sacred (1 Unit)** Study of Native American sacred sites and cultural landscapes and their relationships to land, ceremony, history, and tribal/ethnic identity. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

**ENVR\_POL 353-0 Introduction to Ethnobiology: Theories of Human, Plant and Animal Interactions (1 Unit)** The scientific study of dynamic

relationships among peoples, biota, and environments. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

**ENVR\_POL 354-0 Introduction to Cultural Resource Management and Environmental Policy (1 Unit)** Understanding what makes places, landscapes, structures and intangible practices culturally significant and the laws and policies that govern cultural resources. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

**ENVR\_POL 360-0 Animal Law (1 Unit)** Survey of laws, regulations, and cultural norms regarding nonhuman animals and animal ownership in the United States. History of animal protection movement, wildlife regulation, hunting and fishing rights, livestock care and slaughter, animal experimentation, anti-cruelty legislation, and companion animal law. ENVR\_POL 360-0 and LEGAL\_ST 360-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Prerequisite: LEGAL\_ST 206-0 or POLI\_SCI 230-0, or instructor approval. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

**ENVR\_POL 370-0 Climate Change Law and Policy (1 Unit)** Examination of the potential role of the law in confronting climate change from an institutional and policy perspective. Topics include the science associated with climate change, the role of key international climate treaty regimes, and national, state and local responses to climate change in the United States. *Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

**ENVR\_POL 372-0 Ocean Law and Policy (1 Unit)** Study of primary threats posed to ocean ecosystems and the role of international law in addressing these threats. Focus is on the role of international law, including treaties and customary international law in addressing these threats.

**ENVR\_POL 373-0 International Wildlife Law and Policy (1 Unit)** Exploration of the role of international law in addressing the biodiversity crisis and efforts to protect wildlife species. Provides students with a foundation in international law, including skills in analyzing treaty provisions.

**ENVR\_POL 375-0 Contemporary Issues In Energy (1 Unit)** Charts the development of primary energy sources through the history of the United States, as well as the current status of energy sources, technologies, consumption patterns, conservation and energy policies. Emphasis on the environmental effects of various choices made at each step of the energy cycle, and an examination of those choices from technological, legal, and socioeconomic perspectives.

**ENVR\_POL 383-0 Environmental Anthropology (1 Unit)** How humans have changed and are changing the environment and what can be done to halt environmental deterioration. Topics include population trends, food supplies, consumerism, environmental regulation, and ecological consciousness. ANTHRO 383-0 and ENVR\_POL 383-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both. *Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

**ENVR\_POL 384-0 Political Ecology (1 Unit)** Introduction to a multidisciplinary body of theory and research that analyzes the environmental articulations of political, economic, and social difference and inequality. Topics include environmental scarcity and degradation, sustainability, resilience and conservation. ANTHRO 382-0 and ENVR\_POL 384-0 taught together, may not receive credit for both. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

**ENVR\_POL 385-0 Archaeologies of Sustainability and Collapse (1 Unit)**

Archaeological survey of case studies from the past to interrogate human-environment relationships across time and space, including the present and the future. ANTHRO 326-0 and ENVR\_POL 385-0 taught together, may not receive credit for both.

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**ENVR\_POL 390-0 Special Topics in Environmental Policy and Culture (1 Unit)**

Lecture course on environmental issues of current interest to students and faculty. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

**ENVR\_POL 395-0 Special Topics Seminar (1 Unit)**

Seminar on current environmental issues and problems. Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

**ENVR\_POL 399-0 Independent Study (1 Unit)** Independent project in student's area of interest. Readings and conferences. Comprehensive term paper required. Prerequisite: consent of program director.