

Course title: Environmental policy and governance	Credits 5	Course code
Type of the course	Assessment:	
Lecture X	Examination	
Seminar	Performance-based grade X	
Practice	Approval	
Semester (according to the standard curriculum): 5		
Course availability (according to the standard curriculum): Autumn		
Language of instruction (if not in Hungarian): English		
Prerequisites (according to the standard curriculum): -		
Type of the course (compulsory, obligatory elective, free elective): compulsory		
Course schedule: http://www.kodolanyi.hu/neptun/		
<p>Course objectives: The course provides general knowledge about sustainability, environmental policy and governance tools. The subject focuses on the legislative and regulatory implications of the current global environmental and social problems. It introduces the essential disciplines of environmental policy and defines its position in political theory. This course will provide a survey of the international politics of the environment, of the global environmental governance system, and of the competing theoretical perspectives and discourses that often inform and underlie them. We will cover the main historical developments that have occurred from the 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Human environment until the present, and explore some of the main theoretical issues that are debated in this field. The main aim of the course is to prepare students to become competently engaged in the debates over international environmental politics, and to take part, in their various professional capacities over the course of their careers, in the process of thinking through the problems and dilemmas of global environmental governance.</p> <p>Learning outcomes (based on professional competences):</p> <p>Knowledge: The students will gain knowledge of global sustainability issues and their legislative applications. The course aims at raising awareness of policy tools to mitigate environmental pollution. It provides a comprehensive theoretical background to understand the contemporary environmental policy initiatives and directives practical applications of sustainability paradigms.</p> <p>Skills: By finishing the course, the students will have the ability to apply environmental disciplines in the elaboration on policy perspectives. They will have the capability to recognize the environmental and social implications of economic movements. The subject equips them with the skills to assess and manage environmental risks. The students are expected to develop critical thinking towards mainstream economic theory.</p> <p>Attitudes: Understand key concepts and institutional structures of international environmental policy. Be familiar with policy alternatives and institutional reforms for more effective environmental governance at the international level. Understand and critically engage with major contemporary discourses on the environment.</p>		

Foreign language competences

Students can function independently and with a great deal of precision on a wide variety of subjects and in almost any setting without any prior preparation.

1. Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning.
2. Can express ideas fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions.
3. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.
4. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

Teaching methods:

Lectures.

Requirements (exam's evaluation criteria and list of topics):

Showing ability to explain the interrelations of the different environmental policy movements and to make a differentiation between them. Demonstrating critical thinking towards traditional business-as-usual perspectives. Presenting basic theoretical knowledge of sustainable development, the economics environmental pollution and related policy tools. The students will hand in an essay of an assigned topic.

Assessment & Grading:

Pass

Presentation of well-known facts regarding the global environmental problems and their policy implications. Basic knowledge of economic externalities.

Satisfactory

General description of theories and definitions of sustainable development and the economics of environmental pollution.

Good

Adequate and coherent interpretation of environmental policy theories, extended knowledge of the treatment of externalities.

Excellent

Detailed, contextual description of theories and ability to highlight the interrelations between the certain themes.

Department/faculty responsible for the course:

Department of Management and Business Administration

Required average students' working hours (number of credits multiplied by 30):

150

Individual assignments (expected number of hours and list of activities):

- Reading scientific literature and reports
- Discussions

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