



## RENr 473 – Northern Resource Management Fall 2018

**Monday: 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

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**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Class Website:** eClass (<https://eclass.srv.ualberta.ca/>)

**General Description:** This course will provide an overview of topical issues in northern resource management, and in-depth analysis of case studies that illustrate key points. Materials covered will include both ecological and socio-political dimensions, and emphasize underlying knowledge systems and adaptive management strategies. Both historic and contemporary contexts will be examined, as well as potential futures. The course will be highly participatory, and students are expected to actively engage and contribute materials to class discussions and assignments.

**Course Prerequisites:** At least one university-level ecology course and consent of instructor.

**Format:** The course will be offered in one, 3-hour class each week. A combination of lecture-based and participatory approaches will be employed. Student-led discussion of required readings and student presentations will form important components of the class and of student evaluation. Students may also be expected to attend select events outside regular class time.

**Required Readings:** Most readings will be provided to students in digital format through the class website. These will be drawn from a variety of sources, including textbooks, scientific articles and reports. Students are required to purchase either a digital or hard copy of the following book: *The Optimistic Environmentalist: Progressing Towards a Greener Future*, David R. Boyd, 2015, ECW Press. It is available from a variety of sources, and should be acquired by September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Term Assignments:** Assignments associated with required readings and case studies will comprise 40% of the final grade for this course. Assignments will include presentation and facilitation of discussion of required readings and relevant news items (20%), and research and presentation of related materials (20%). Further information on assignments will be provided during class.

**Exams:** Two exams, each worth 25<sup>th</sup>, will be held during class time. The first exam will be held in class on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The second exam will be held on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, during the scheduled replacement time for missed Mondays during fall term.

**Participation:** Active participation is integral to this course, and students are expected to be prepared for, and contribute to, all class activities.

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| <b>Grading:</b> | Term Assignments | 40 % |
|                 | First Exam       | 25 % |
|                 | Second Exam      | 25 % |
|                 | Participation    | 10%  |

**Policies on Conduct:** I expect you to attend all classes, complete required readings, actively participate in class discussions, and turn in required assignments on time. A missed assignment will result in a 10% penalty for each day after the deadline. The term exams are mandatory. Please notify me if you are aware of any potential conflicts with the scheduled exams for this course. No electronic devices, including calculators, are permitted during exams. All cell phones should be turned off during class.

### **Academic Integrity**

The University of Alberta is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from the University.

### **Code of Student Behaviour**

All University of Alberta students are subject to the Code of Student Behaviour, as outlined at <http://www.ualberta.ca/~unisecr/policy/sec30.html> . Please familiarize yourself with it and ensure that you do not participate in any inappropriate behavior as defined by the Code. Key components of the code include the following statements.

30.3.2(1) No Student shall submit the words, ideas, images or data of another person as the Student's own in any academic writing, essay, thesis, project, assignment, presentation or poster in a course or program of study.

30.3.2(2) c. No Student shall represent another's substantial editorial or compositional assistance on an assignment as the Student's own work."

Please speak with me if you have any questions or concerns about the Code, particularly as it pertains to group assignments, internet research, appropriate referencing of source material, using the same work as part of assignments in more than one course, and the definition of plagiarism.

### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OR CHRONIC CONDITIONS:**

Reasonable accommodations are available for students with a documented disability or chronic condition. It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations. If a student has a disability or chronic condition and requires accommodation to fully participate in this class, he/she should contact the Yukon College Learning Assistance Centre (LAC) at (867) 668-8785 or [lassist@yukoncollege.yk.ca](mailto:lassist@yukoncollege.yk.ca).