Course Title:
Seminar in Resource and Environmental Geography: Natural Resource Management in a Globalizing World

Course Number:
GEOG 6240-301

Course Description:
An overview of modern resource systems. The course focuses on fossil fuels, metallic minerals, and agriculture including forestry. Attention is paid to industrial organization, production technology, transport and processing, consumption, environmental side-effects, and public relations.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
Dates: October 30-November 5, 2016
Location: Hangar 2, Room 202, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.
Hours: Sunday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday 6:00-10:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: October 1, 2016

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the OU Follett Bookstore located at 1185 Asp Avenue; Norman, OK, and can be ordered online, by phone, by email, or by fax. Ordering online at http://www.bkstr.com/oklahomastore/home is strongly recommended – students can track the status of their order within 48 hours. If an order has not been shipped within three days, students can contact the Follett textbook manager by phone (405) 325-3511, (800) 522-0772 (toll-free) or email 0831mgr@fheg.follett.com. Phone orders (ask for the textbook manager and identify yourself as an Advanced Programs student) can be placed 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday (CST). Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (CST). Fax orders can be placed 24 hours a day at (405) 325-7770. Text prices are available online.

3. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu; enter your OU NetID and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

Course Objectives:
This course reviews everything you always wanted to know about modern resource production and consumption, plus a bit more (possibly a lot more). Most of what you learn during the week will probably be forgotten fairly quickly. What will stick is a sense of the vastness of the subject, the truly simplistic way in which the public views the subject (good guys here, bad guys there), and possibly a sense that the subject is interesting enough that you’ll follow it a bit on your own in years to come.

Course Outline:

Sunday:
We’ll spend this day looking at chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14 of Understanding the Cultural Landscape. This is, in total, about 100 pages, but they’re dense with information and very hard (impossible, really, for normal human beings) to absorb with a fast read. In other words, if you wait until Friday night to prep for Saturday’s class you might as well sleep late and then head to the beach. My guess: a serious student will spend about two hours on each chapter. I wrote the damn thing, and even now rereading it with my brain turned on takes me about an hour per chapter.

Monday:
We’ll turn to A World Made for Money and look at Chapter 4 (Fueling). It’s just as packed as the other book. I’ll also have you look at a WORD file on d2l: few words but lots of maps and charts. Prep time: two hours on the file, in addition to two or three hours on the book.

Tuesday:
Chapter 5 (Mining), plus a WORD file on d2l.

Wednesday:
Chapter 6 (Farming), plus a WORD file on d2l.

Thursday:
Chapter 7 (Developing), plus a WORD file on d2l.

Friday:
Chapters 2 and 3 (Making and Moving), plus WORD files on d2l.

Saturday:
Summary discussion and exam

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:
It’s very hard to hide in classes like these, and by Tuesday, at the latest, class discussions will have given me a pretty good idea of what each of you knows and how well you handle it. That’s all I need for a grade, but there’s always a student or two who expresses himself much better on paper than in person, so come Saturday there will be an essay exam, very broad in scope and which I expect to be written on a computer. (Handwriting, as most of you have surely noticed, is nearly a lost art.)

Grading:
This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

Notice: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Academic assignments exist to help students learn; grades exist to show how fully this goal is attained. Therefore all work and all grades should result from the student's own understanding and effort.

Academic misconduct is any act which improperly affects the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement. Misconduct occurs when the student either knows or reasonably should know that the act constitutes misconduct. Academic misconduct includes: cheating and using unauthorized materials on examinations and other assignments; improper collaboration, submitting the same assignment for different classes (self-plagiarism); fabrication, forgery, alteration of documents, lying, etc... in order to obtain an academic advantage; assisting others in academic misconduct; attempting to commit academic misconduct; destruction of property, hacking, etc...; intimidation and interference with integrity process; and plagiarism. All students should review the Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity at http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. All students should review policies regarding student conduct at http://studentconduct.ou.edu/

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Course Policies

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Education
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Current Positions
• Advanced Programs Professor since 1999
• Professor, Department of Geography, University of Oklahoma

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest
Regional Geography, especially of Asia and the Middle East

Representative Publications and Presentations
A list of Dr. Wallach’s publications can be found on his faculty page at http://ags.ou.edu/~bwallach/.