

MINING LAND MANAGEMENT (BUAD 330) SPRING 2010

Class Times and Days

BUAD 330 BOR-115 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays

Our first class will be on Thursday, January 14.

During this semester there are two Thursdays on which the class will not meet.

Thursday, February 11 NAPE Meeting in Houston, TX

Thursday, March 18 Spring Vacation

There will also be two required field trips, at least one of which will require students to be gone on a Friday.

Students should check the official schedule for time date and place of the final exam. It appears at this stage that it will be Thursday May 6.

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Office Hours

As we get toward the end of the semester, I intend to establish regular hours in my Borick office.

I will wait to see what is most convenient for students before establishing this regular office schedule. I am however willing to meet with any student in the class promptly on request, any time you want to talk, for any reason.

Call Mary Jo Marvel, 641 4605, or write her at marvel@sds.org. She keeps my calendar and she will schedule an appointment for us to talk.

Students are encouraged to call me at my law office 641 4605 if they need to reach me, or e-mail me at danielson@sds.org.

Readings

Readings will be distributed by e-mail a week prior to class.

CLASS PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The mining business is operating in a profoundly changing climate. The world is demanding unprecedented quantities of minerals for an almost endless list of purposes. At the same time, there are more people in the world, far less “wide open spaces,” and many competing land uses. Obtaining unfettered access to land on which to conduct exploration and production is therefore far more difficult and far more complex than in the past.

Governments all over the world are demonstrably less willing to use their power in the interest of ensuring industry access to the land base from which minerals are produced. Companies therefore have to be prepared to employ a variety of more flexible and more consensual approaches to obtain and maintain access to the resource base.

Part of the answer may be to minimize industry’s “footprint” on the land in order to make it a better neighbor that creates less anxiety in the communities where it wants to operate. Part of the answer may be developing more effective means of two-way communication with the people and institutions who are directly concerned.

The purpose of this class is to introduce students to these complex challenges, and provide a basic introduction to:

- The systems through which minerals are found, developed, produced, fabricated, used, and recycled;
- The legal system that governs mineral exploration and development on public and private lands;
- How society balances (or fails to balance) access to minerals against other competing land uses and social values;
- The business of mining – title to land, basic business agreements, how exploration and mining are financed.

While the principal focus will be on requirements in the United States, the minerals industry is a global system, and we will therefore also look at globalization, how the industry has become international, and what exploration and mining look like in foreign contexts.

REQUIREMENTS

There are several requirements for successful completion of this class. These include:

1. *Class Presentation*. Each student will be required to make a presentation in class on a topic assigned. Further details on the presentation will be provided in a separate handout. This counts for 20% of the final grade.
2. *Participation in Group Exercise*. There will also be a group exercise in which all students are required to participate. Further details on the group exercise will be provided in a separate handout. This counts for 20% of the final grade.

3. Mid Term Examinations. There will be two mid term examinations. Further details on the midterm examination will be provided in a separate handout. Each of these counts for 15% of the final grade.
4. Final Examination. There will be a final examination. This counts for 30% of the final grade.

POLICIES

Attendance and Promptness

I reserve the right to withdraw any student from class if the student has more than three absences for any reason. If a fourth absence occurs after the Withdrawal date, I reserve the right to fail any student for the course. Any unexcused absence on a day when the student is to make an Oral presentation or turn in a Written Assignment, will result in no credit for the presentation or written assignment.

I intend to start and conclude class on time. I expect every student to be in class on time and remain in class for the duration of the class period unless arranged otherwise with me in advance.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold the standards of intellectual and academic integrity as outlined in the Student handbook. Any violations will be handled as described in the Student Handbook.

ADA Accommodation

Any student eligible for and needing academic accommodation because of a disability is requested to speak with me after class or during office hours. All discussions will remain confidential. You will need to provide documentation of your disability to Disability Services in the College Union, Room 201, phone 943-7056.

Examination Policies

Except for participation in certifiable (by the appropriate coach or faculty member) out of town WSC events (athletic or other WSC events), or personal illness, or illness or death in the family, exams must be taken at the scheduled times.

If you are going to miss an exam for any of the above reasons, you must call my office and discuss it with me, or leave a message, **well in advance of the exam**. I will require that you seriously attempt to reach me and engage in a discussion; late night or weekend calls at times when my office is closed will not be considered adequate, especially for your attendance at events that are scheduled in advance.

In addition, the form at the end of the syllabus must be completed and promptly delivered to me by fax or leaving it in my faculty box. There will be no make-up exams if an exam is missed, except as approved in advance for the above reasons. No exam may be retaken.

No exams, including the final, may be taken early due to travel plans.

Final Examination Times and Dates

Please see the Western State College Official Final Week Schedule for Spring Semester 2010 for the date and time of your final exam. This is your responsibility.

Syllabus Changes

The professor reserves the right to change any part of this Syllabus at any time.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO EXAM POLICY

BUAD 330
Spring 2010
Professor Luke J. Danielson

Student Name: _____

Date Request Submitted: _____

CRN & Course Time: _____

Date or Dates Request relates to: _____

Reason for the request: _____

I have attached the following documents supporting this request:

Student Signature: _____

Decision by Professor: _____
