PST 395: (Also Political Science) “Advanced Special Topic: Applied Policy Analysis – Climate Change.”

This course will analyze different aspects of policy to mitigate climate change, bringing to bear the perspectives of science and social science. Topics for discussion will include: 1) assessment of the scientific data on climate change; 2) Discussion of the ways that climate change is a policy issue; 3) evaluation of strategies and technologies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to address climate change; 4) explanation of policy development up to the present, as policy has been impacted by scientific, economic and political factors, the changing climate change agenda, decision-making at international, national and local arenas and the interplay between the various arenas; 5) policy recommendations for effective and feasible action to meet the climate change challenge of 2009 in international and U.S. policy arenas.

Prerequisite: ECN/PST 295.01 (Foundations of Policy Analysis, SP09), ECN-240 or POL-225.

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