**Distance Approval Cover Sheet** For Permanent DL/DH Approval

Course Number and Title: ENR 3200 – Environmental and Natural Resource Policy

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## Carmen Use

*For more on use of Carmen:* [*https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/carmen-common-sense-best-practices*](https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/carmen-common-sense-best-practices)

A Carmen site will be created for the course, including a syllabus and gradebook at minimum. YES

If no: Enter additional details if you responded no...

## Syllabus

Proposed syllabus uses the ODEE distance learning syllabus template (or own college distance learning syllabus template based on ODEE model), includes boilerplate language where required, as well as a clear description of the technical and academic support services offered, and how learners can obtain them. YES

Syllabus is consistent and is easy to understand from the student perspective. YES

Syllabus includes a schedule with dates and/or a description of what constitutes the beginning an end of a week or module. YES

If there are required synchronous sessions, the syllabus clearly states when they will happen and how to access them. YES

Additional comments (optional):
Enter any additional comments about syllabus...

## Instructor Presence

*For more on instructor presence:* [*https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/online-instructor-presence*](https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/online-instructor-presence)

Students should have opportunities for regular and substantive academic interactions with the course instructor. Some ways to achieve this objective:

[x]  Regular instructor communications with the class via announcements or weekly check-ins

[x]  Instructional content, such as video, audio, or interactive lessons, that is visibly created or mediated by the instructor

[x]  Regular participation in class discussion, such as in Carmen discussions or synchronous sessions

[x]  Regular opportunities for students to receive personal instructor feedback on assignments

Please comment on this dimension of the proposed course (or select/explain methods above):
Instructors will regularly post videos that provide overviews of learning modules, and will additionally use Announcements on Carmen to direct attention to newly posted material and upcoming assignments, among other items. Videos and other content will be organized clearly in Modules in Carmen. Instructors will use Discussions in Carmen to facilitate guided interaction and participation among students. All submitted assignments will receive individualized feedback from the instructors and teaching assistants.

## Delivery Well-Suited to DL/DH Environment

*Technology questions adapted from the* [*Quality Matters*](https://www.qualitymatters.org/) *rubric. For information about Ohio State learning technologies:* [*https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/toolsets*](https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/toolsets)

The tools used in the course support the learning outcomes and competencies. YES

Course tools promote learner engagement and active learning. YES

Technologies required in the course are current and readily obtainable. YES

Links are provided to privacy policies for all external tools required in the course. YES

Additional technology comments:
Enter any additional comments about course technology...

Which components of this course are planned for synchronous delivery and which for asynchronous delivery? (For DH, address what is planned for in-person meetings as well.)
All components of this course will be asynchronous – videos of lectures will be posted to Carmen and interaction with students via discussions will be conducted using Discussions on Carmen.

If you believe further explanation would be helpful, please comment on how course activities have been adjusted for distance learning:
Enter comments...

## Workload Estimation

*For more information about calculating online instruction time:*[*ODEE Credit Hour Estimation*](https://resourcecenter.odee.osu.edu/course-design-and-pedagogy/odee-credit-hour-estimation)

Course credit hours align with estimated average weekly time to complete the course successfully. YES

Course includes direct (equivalent of “in-class”) and indirect (equivalent of “out-of-class)” instruction at a ratio of about 1:2. YES

Provide a brief outline of a typical course week, categorizing course activities and estimating the approximate time to complete them or participate:Each week, students will view approximately three hours of lectures, organized in short (e.g., 5-15 minute) videos. These lectures will generally encompass the scope of learning material developed by the instructors previously for in-class sections of the course, and include lectures on core topics, interviews of guest speakers, and short segments of videos produced by others. Students will also spend approximately five hours each week completing readings and answering short quizzes on the assigned readings. Finally, students will spend approximately one hour participating in discussion forums in Carmen. This hour includes time that students will spend preparing discussion questions and responses, reviewing other students’ contributions to the discussion, and fielding questions or otherwise responding to other students’ contributions to the discussion.

In the case of course delivery change requests, the course demonstrates comparable rigor in meeting course learning outcomes. YES

## Accessibility

*For more information or a further conversation, contact the* [*accessibility coordinator*](http://asc-accessibility@osu.edu) *for the College of Arts and Sciences. For tools and training on accessibility:*[*Digital Accessibility Services*](https://das.osu.edu/)

Instructor(s) teaching the course will have taken Digital Accessibility training (starting in 2022) and will ensure all course materials and activities meet requirements for diverse learners, including alternate means of accessing course materials when appropriate. YES

Information is provided about the accessibility of all technologies required in the course. All third-party tools (tools without campus-wide license agreements) have their accessibility statements included. YES

Description of any anticipated accommodation requests and how they have been/will be addressed. YES

Additional comments:
Enter any additional comments about accessibility...

## Academic Integrity

*For more information:* [*https://go.osu.edu/teaching-resources-academic-integrity*](https://go.osu.edu/teaching-resources-academic-integrity)

The course syllabus includes online-specific policies about academic integrity, including specific parameters for each major assignment: YES

Assignments are designed to deter cheating and plagiarism and/or course technologies such as online proctoring or plagiarism check or other strategies are in place to deter cheating:YES

Additional comments:
Enter additional comments about academic integrity...

## Frequent, Varied Assignments/Assessments

*For more information:* [*https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/designing-assessments-student*](https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/designing-assessments-student)

Student success in online courses is maximized when there are frequent, varied learning activities. Possible approaches:

[x]  Opportunities for students to receive course information through a variety of different sources, including indirect sources, such as textbooks and lectures, and direct sources, such as scholarly resources and field observation

[x]  Variety of assignment formats to provide students with multiple means of demonstrating learning

[x]  Opportunities for students to apply course knowledge and skills to authentic, real-world tasks in assignments

Comment briefly on the frequency and variety of assignment types and assessment approaches used in this course (or select methods above):Students will learn from a side scope of materials, including book chapters, peer-reviewed journal articles, blog posts, newspaper articles, podcasts, and videos. Likewise, assignments will provide opportunities for students to demonstrate knowledge by writing for scholarly audiences as well as policymakers/practitioners and the public. The topic of the course provides ample opportunities to apply concepts to current events and instructors will regularly incorporate news stories to illustrate real-world application of course topics.

## Community Building

*For more information:* [*https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/student-interaction-online*](https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/student-interaction-online)

Students engage more fully in courses when they have an opportunity to interact with their peers and feel they are part of a community of learners. Possible approaches:

[x]  Opportunities for students to interact academically with classmates through regular class discussion or group assignments

[x]  Opportunities for students to interact socially with classmates, such as through video conference sessions or a course Q&A forum

[x]  Attention is paid to other ways to minimize transactional distance (psychological and communicative gaps between students and their peers, instructor, course content, and institution)

Please comment on this dimension of the proposed course (or select methods above):Discussions will provide opportunities for interaction among students, and between students and teaching assistants as well as instructors. Because these discussions will be conducted on the Carmen platform—where all other course materials will be delivered—students will be able to participate more fully in discussions without spending extra effort to navigate additional learning platforms.

## Transparency and Metacognitive Explanations

*For more information:* [*https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/supporting-student-learning-your*](https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/teaching-topics/supporting-student-learning-your)

Students have successful, meaningful experiences when they understand how the components of a course connect together, when they have guidance on how to study, and when they are encouraged to take ownership of their learning. Possible approaches:

[x]  Instructor explanations about the learning goals and overall design or organization of the course

[x]  Context or rationale to explain the purpose and relevance of major tasks and assignments

[x]  Guidance or resources for ancillary skills necessary to complete assignments, such as conducting library research or using technology tools

[x]  Opportunities for students to take ownership or leadership in their learning, such as by choosing topics of interest for an assignment or leading a group discussion or meeting

[x]  Opportunities for students to reflect on their learning process, including their goals, study strategies, and progress

[x]  Opportunities for students to provide feedback on the course

Please comment on this dimension of the proposed course (or select methods above):The instructors will clearly articulate learning goals as well as the scope and design of the course, both in the syllabus and in introductory videos in each week of the semester. Prompts for all assignments will explain goals and expectations for the assignment, including how the assignment relates to the overall learning goals of the course. Written assignments will encourage students to focus on topics or concepts of their particular interest, thereby providing opportunities for students to develop specialized expertise according to their own interests and goals. Students will share targeted feedback about readings as well as about the overall course approximately halfway through the semester.

## Additional Considerations

Comment on any other aspects of the online delivery not addressed above:
Enter any additional considerations...