

Course:

POLSC 2730 The Politics Of Public Lands

4 hours

Majors, Minors & Degrees:

Majors

Political Science (B.A., B.S.)

Departments/Programs:

Political Science

Public lands have long been at the heart of American political, environmental, and cultural debates. This course explores their historical development, contemporary challenges, and future directions. Students will examine how laws, governance structures, and competing interests influence the management of public lands. Topics include conservation, resource use, recreation, and cultural significance, with an emphasis on the relationships between federal, tribal, state, and local authorities. Through ongoing case studies, the course provides practical insights into the complex dynamics and political forces shaping public land use today.