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Course Number:	GEO 3372
Course Title:	Conservation of Natural Resources
Catalog Prerequisites:	None
Course Description:	The geography of natural resources as they relate to human populations and cultures is examined, with an eye toward finding the balance between conservation, preservation, and use.
Office:	42/Economics & Geography Main Office - 3rd floor
Office Hours:	By appointment
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Required Text:	<u>Exploitation Conservation Preservation: A Geographic Perspective on Natural Resource Use</u> by Cutter and Renwick, Fourth Edition. Wiley & Sons.
Course Content:	<u>Course Progression</u>
Test #1	Chapter 1-5
Test #2	Chapter 6-9
Test #3	Chapters 10-14
Grading:	Three tests = 60% of grade ( <b>2/8, 3/15, 05/3-3:30</b> ) Three brief papers = 15% of grade (as assigned) Research presentation = 25% of grade ( <b>4/24</b> ) The grading scale is ten points per letter grade (100-90=A).

Library Assignments/Written Communication Assignments:  
Students will research three assigned topics, and write brief papers, by searching scholarly journals and other sources in the library, and by accessing print media and authoritative internet sources. Be certain to give bibliographic references used to write each paper.

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Research presentation - In groups of three persons present your findings and solutions regarding a resource problem.  
**Each individual must develop a handout!**

Oral Communication Requirements: Class participation is required, including a mandatory oral presentation and discussion of research.

Computer Applications: Internet research will be necessary to prepare for class discussions and for research assignments. Specific readings will be assigned.

International Coverage: The entire course is international in scope.

Environmental Issues: Most major environmental issues are addressed as an essential component of examining natural resources.

Ethical Issues: Population control, food distribution, distribution of wealth, land use, environmental issues, etc.

Academic Integrity: All tests and assignments are to be your own work. All researched information is to be properly referenced. An understanding of what constitutes plagiarism is expected. Students must adhere to the code of conduct outlined in the university catalog.

Class Participation: Classes will be packed with information. Appropriate preparation, active listening, and involvement will ensure an enjoyable and productive learning experience. The instructor reserves the right to adjust grades to reflect this component. Absences on test dates pose special problems, requiring prior notification of the instructor/documentation.

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