

# Government Regulation of Industry and the Environment

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Open to both advanced undergraduates (PubPol 475) and to graduate students (PubPol 564).

This course focuses on the **economics of energy and environmental regulations** in the United States. It is designed to give students practical experience in making connections between intermediate microeconomic concepts and real-world regulatory policy issues. The emphasis will be on critical thinking to answer questions like the following:

- How do energy markets work?
- What are the effects of energy markets on the environment?
- When should the government intervene to regulate a market?
- What is the appropriate form of government intervention in a market?
- What is the role of energy policy in mitigating environmental damage?

Pre-requisite: PubPol 330, PubPol 555, or other intermediate microeconomics course