

PA 567: Energy Resources Policy and Administration

(Also known as “Northwest Energy Policy and the Columbia River”)

Join a distinguished team of faculty members and guest speakers in PSU’s annual Winter term seminar on **Northwest Energy Policy and the Columbia River**. The course is open to enrolled graduate students who will earn graduate credit and to working professionals who will receive non-credit certificates of completion. It begins with an exploration of the history, politics, and institutions related to energy policy and administration, with particular attention to the Pacific Northwest and the Columbia River Basin. Next, it explores a series of fascinating energy policy topics that are critical to our region’s energy future with the help of a series of guest speakers who among the region’s top experts on their topic.

Ever since it was created in 1982 at the request of the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, this seminar has brought together over a thousand graduate students and professionals from such organizations as BPA, the Energy Trust of Oregon, the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, the region’s state energy offices and public utilities commissions, Northwest utilities, advocacy organizations, trade associations, and consulting firms, fostering lively class discussions and professional networking. Many former students have returned as guest speakers to help us prepare the next generation of energy leaders. The course was created at the request of BPA, and **John Hairston**, BPA’s new acting administrator and chief executive officer, will join us to explain how he is addressing many of the very same energy policy opportunities and challenges we will study.

This course is designed to serve three key audiences:

- **Graduate students** from PSU and elsewhere interested in the history and current state of the critical energy policy issues facing the Pacific Northwest and nation.
- **Mid-career professionals** interested in career advancement or exploring a career transition.
- Students pursuing PSU’s **Graduate Certificate in Energy Policy and Management**, for which this is a core course.

Course Details

- **Date/Time:** Wednesdays, January 6 – March 17, 2021, 6:40pm to 9:20pm.
- **Location:** This course will be streamed live via Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All class sessions will also be recorded so class participants can stream them at their convenience.
- **Instructor:** **Dr. Hal Nelson**, plus many guest speakers, including Jeff Hammarlund, who taught the course for many years prior to his retirement.
- Continuing Legal Education Credit will be available.
- Visit the **[course website](#)** for more information and to register.

Registration Information

Graduate Credit Option (3 credits)

- Course Number: **PA 567** | CRN: **43039**
- Core class for the Graduate Certificate in Energy Policy and Management

Non-Credit Professional Development Option

- Earn a Professional Development Certificate
- Cost: \$1,332.00 and **NO** additional university fees

[Visit www.pdx.edu/cps/northwest-energy-policy](http://www.pdx.edu/cps/northwest-energy-policy) to register

Spaces are limited to 40 people and often fills up, so we recommend registering early.

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