

Department: Political Science  
Course Number: Political Science 5571  
Course Name: Historical Geography of Idaho

Objective 1) To apply the geography and geologic provinces of Idaho to its anthropogenic history

Outcomes:

- 1) Student can produce a map of Idaho with geographic and geologic provinces, rivers, cities, mining districts and transportation routes.
2. Student can relate events in Idaho History to our resource-based economy, and our dependence on irrigation in the arid west.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

1. Correct answers to word and short answer questions on midterm and final exams. Answers require organized paragraphs, correct spelling and grammar, brief essays.
2. Student self-assessment as reported in answers to class-specific questions that are posed in exit interview just prior to graduation.

Objective 2) To comprehend western American political history especially as applied to Idaho but also in a regional sense.

Outcomes

- 1) Student can synthesize the interrelations between important events in Idaho history and their context in U.S. history.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

1. Correct answers to word and short answer questions on midterm and final exams. Answers require organized paragraphs, correct spelling and grammar, brief essays2
2. Student self-assessment as reported in answers to class-specific questions that are posed in exit interview just prior to graduation.

Objective 3) To prepare and submit historical geographic research report

Outcomes

- 1) Student can synthesize and prepare a report in standard format, with good grammar and syntax.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- 1) Research paper on the historical geography issue Idaho or the American west.
- 2) Student self-assessment as reported in answers to class-specific questions that are posed in exit interview just prior to graduation.