This course provides an overview of the legal, economic, and political framework for making decisions about resource development. It is intended for students who may work in industry, government, Alaska Native corporations, or consulting firms. The class will involve readings on the topics described below and discussion about Alaska resource development decisions.

Topics covered in the course include:

- Introduction to water law, mineral law, and certain land law concepts
- Permit requirements and process, with emphasis on the major permitting laws
- Discussion of how government and landowners exercise decision-making discretion
- Elements of taxation and other public payments for resource development

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