

ECON 4545 Syllabus
Environmental Economics
Summer 2019

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Kolstad, Charles. Environmental Economics. 2nd Edition

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This is an advanced course of microeconomics with a particular focus on environmental questions. The course will be split into roughly four areas:

- Microeconomic foundations of Environmental Economics (Chapters 3-5)
- Constructing Environmental Demand (Chapters 6-10)
- Regulation (Chapters 11-13,15-16)
- Special Environmental Topics (Chapters 2,20)

On the first day of the course, you will be placed into groups of 4-5 students. This will be your learning group for the Summer. You will be sitting together for the rest of the semester in the classroom, doing homework together, and studying together. Each class will be split into modules consisting of a lecture or video clip, lasting typically between 15-20 minutes, and a discussion/problem solving period of 5-10 minutes.

Why are we doing this? A substantial and growing literature suggests students learn significantly more from interacting with each other, whether they are the one teaching or listening, than they do sitting passively through one hour 35 minute lectures. My intuition on this is there is an effect from what you are learning from others, the ability to teach something, and splitting up the lectures into manageable pieces. Additionally, I hope this makes studying for the quizzes easier, as it organizes the material for you.

The grading scale for this class is as follows:

A	92.5-100
B+	89.5-92.49
B	86.5-89.49
B-	82.5-86.49
C+	79.5-82.49
C	76.5-79.49
C-	72.5-76.49
D+	69.5-72.49
D	66.5-69.49
D-	62.5-66.49
F	59.5-62.49
F	<59.49

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	Quizzes	30 percent
	Final Exam	25 percent
	Group Grade	20 percent
	Problem Sets	25 percent

Quizzes: These will be short, mini exams at the beginning of each Monday, starting with the 2nd Monday. There are 4 total, the lowest of which you can drop. This means, if you miss one for any reason (medical or family emergency, overslept, etc), there will not be any makeup exams. This will count as your drop. You must take the final exam.

Problem Sets: You will have 8 problem sets due and these are to be turned in as a group (one per group). All group members are required to work on them together, as opposed to splitting up the problems amongst yourselves. Your group will turn in one assignment in class on the due date.

Group Grade and Leader Bonuses: When you submit your assessment of your group members at the end of the semester, you grade them 0-20 based on how much they contributed to the group. Their grade should reflect how much they contributed to problem sets, how helpful they

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