
Course Syllabus
University of Colorado, Boulder
Economics 4545-001
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Classroom: Economics 119
Class Meeting Time: MWF 11 - 11:50

Required Textbook

Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, 8th Edition, by Tom Tietenberg and Lynne Lewis

Note you can either purchase this book in hard copy or purchase as a CourseSmart eTextbook (electronic book).

Course Overview

In this course we will continue your economics education by considering the economic approach to analyzing and solving environmental problems. In addition to learning about the methods that economists use to analyze environmental problems and issues, you will be challenged to frame problems in economic terms and propose solutions to these problems.

Prerequisites

To be enrolled in this course, you should have Economics 3070 (Intermediate Microeconomics) or an equivalent course. Simple analytical models will be used throughout the course. You should be comfortable with basic economic models

- In-class Exercises: Some topics lend themselves to in-class exercises as another way of learning. These exercises will sometimes involve the entire class working together and at other times small groups or individuals working on problems.
- Homework: There will be regular homework assignments that will be turned in and graded by me.
- Readings & Briefs: I will provide readings in addition to the required textbook readings. For some of these readings I will require you to prepare a brief that summarizes and analyzes the reading.
- Team Project: The class will be divided into research teams that will then identify and analyze an environmental problem. The team will provide a joint paper and present findings to the class.
- Midterm Examinations and Finals: There will be two midterm exams and a cumulative final. Make-up exams are not a possibility. If you have a legitimate and verifiable reason for missing a midterm, test reweighting can be used to adjust your final grade. Lacking a legitimate and verifiable reason for missing a midterm will result in a zero for the missed midterm. The final exam is mandatory with no exceptions.

Evaluation

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| Homework | 15% |
| Briefs | 10% |
| Team Project | 10% |
| Midterm 1 | 20% |
| Midterm 2 | 20% |
| Final | 25% |

Attendance Policy

Daily attendance will be taken for each class. You must attend a minimum of 80% of the lectures in order to pass the course. If you miss more than 20% of the lectures, you will receive an automatic F. A sign-in sheet will be circulated daily. It is your responsibility to make sure that you have signed in for each class.

Special Accommodations

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices