UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
Natural Resource Economics: ECON3535-001
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Web Link for Class Outline

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Natural Resource Economics studies the economically efficient use and
development of natural resources. We will study the allocation of
renewable and non-renewable resources, conservation and sustainability.
For the most part the course will present concepts graphically although
some basic math will also be used to solve models of resource use.

As often as possible, class discussion will expand on theoretical topics by
relating actual events to the theories presented in class. It is hoped that
the students will make a better linkage between actual events and a
hypothetical approach. Students are encouraged to contribute their ideas
and opinions on these subjects.

Course Materials

Textbook: Link to EPub text

Link for Firefox ePub Reader (you need to have Firefox installed already)

Grading

There will be 3 quizzes given online and 3 exams given during the semester.
Quizzes will represent 33% of the class grade and exams the remaining 67%.

For your final grade, the grading scale is:
• 92.00%+ = A
• 90.00% - 91.99% = A-
• 88.00% - 89.99% = B+
• 82.00% - 87.99% = B
• 80.00% - 81.99% = B-
• 78.00% - 79.99% = C+
• 60.00% - 77.99% = C
• below 60% = F

Exam Schedule

Midterm Exam: Friday, March 1

Midterm Exam: Friday, April 26

Final Exam: Saturday, May 4: (7:30pm-10:00pm)

Exams will be given in the classroom.

Important Dates

• March 23 – March 31: Spring Break
• May 3 - Last day of classes

The Fine Print

(1) The Boulder Provost's Disability Task Force recommended syllabus statement:

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least one week prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at dsinfo@colorado.edu.

If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Medical Conditions: Injuries, Surgeries, and Illnesses guidelines under Quick Links at Disability Services website and discuss your needs with your professor.

(2) Campus policy regarding religious observances states that faculty must make reasonable accommodation for them and in so doing, be careful not to inhibit or penalize those students who are exercising their rights to religious observance. Faculty should be aware that a given religious
holiday may be observed with very different levels of attentiveness by
different members of the same religious group and thus may require careful
consideration to the particulars of each individual case. See
http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html

If you have questions about providing students with religious accommodations,
please contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment at 303-492-2797.

A comprehensive calendar of the religious holidays most commonly observed by
CU-Boulder students is at http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every
effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of
religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or
required attendance. In this class, {{insert your procedures here}}
See full details at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html

(3) Faculty and students should be aware of the campus "Classroom
Behavior" policy at
http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html as well as faculty rights
and responsibilities listed at
http://www.colorado.edu/FacultyStaff/faculty-booklet.html#Part_1
These documents describe examples of unacceptable classroom behavior and
provide information on how to handle such circumstances should they arise.
Faculty are encouraged to address the issue of classroom behavior in the
syllabus.

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate
learning environment. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may
be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially
important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of
race, color, culture, religion, creed, politics, veteran's status, sexual
orientation, gender, gender identity and gender expression, age, disability,
and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the
student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an
alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in
the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. See policies at
http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html and at
http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code

(4) The Office of Discrimination and Harassment recommends the following
syllabus statement:

The University of Colorado Boulder (CU-Boulder) is committed to maintaining a
positive learning, working, and living environment. The University of Colorado
does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age,
disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status in admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, its educational programs and activities. (Regent Law, Article 10, amended 11/8/2001). CU-Boulder will not tolerate acts of discrimination or harassment based upon Protected Classes or related retaliation against or by any employee or student. For purposes of this CU-Boulder policy, "Protected Classes" refers to race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or veteran status. Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH, the above referenced policies, and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding discrimination or harassment can be obtained at http://www.colorado.edu/odh

(5) The Boulder campus has a student Honor Code and individual faculty members are expected to familiarize themselves with its tenets and follow the approved procedures should violations be perceived. The Honor Council recommended syllabus statement:

All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-735-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html and at http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/