
Course Syllabus
University of Colorado, Boulder
Economics 3545-001
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Class Meeting Time: TTh 2:00 – 3:15

Required Textbook
Environmental Economics & Policy, 6th 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
This course will introduce you to the economic approach to analyzing and addressing environmental problems. As a non-majors course, we will emphasize developing and understanding the underlying intuition. Some simple analytical models will be used. The course will require the use of some mathematics, primarily algebra.

Prerequisites
To be enrolled in this course, you should have taken Economics 2010 (Principles of Microeconomics) or an equivalent course at another institution.

Course Components

- Lecture: With help from you and your fellow students, we will make class lectures an active learning experience. This means you will be required to discuss lecture material in class (i.e. you will have to think on your feet).
- In-class Exercises: Some topics lend themselves to in-class exercises as another way of learning. These exercises will help students engage in the problems/material.

- Guest Lectures: There will be guest lecturers/presenters during the semester. You will be responsible for the lecture/presentation material.
- Homework: There will be regular homework assignments that will be turned in and graded.
- Midterm Examinations and Finals: There will be two midterm exams and a cumulative final. Make-up exams are not permitted. 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, missing a midterm will result in a zero for the missed midterm. The final exam is mandatory with no exceptions.

Evaluation

Homework	15%
Midterm 1	25%
Midterm 2	25%
Final	35%

Important Dates

January 13 – First Day of Class

February 13 – Midterm 1

March 20 – Midterm 2

May 3 – Final Exam 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

NOTE THE DATES ABOVE AND SCHEDULE YOUR SPRING BREAK TRAVEL, ETC. ACCORDINGLY

Course Topics

Remembering Microeconomics

What distinguishes the economic approach?

Chapter 1 – Visions of the Future

Chapter 2 – Valuing the Environment: Concepts

Chapter 3 – Valuing the Environment: Methods

Chapter 4 – Property Rights, Externalities, and Environmental Problems

Chapter 5 – Sustainable Development: Defining the Concept

Chapter 6 – the Population Problem

Chapter 14 – Environmental Economics: An Overview

Chapter 15 – Stationary-source Local and Regional Air Pollution

Chapter 16 – Climate Change

Chapter 17 – Transportation

Chapter 18 – Water Pollution

Chapter 19 – Managing Waste

Chapter 20 – Development, Poverty, and the Environment

Chapter 21 – The Quest for Sustainable Development

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 Policy

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.

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