

ECP 3302: Environmental Economics Syllabus

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Course Time: M/T/W 11:00 am - 1:45 pm (periods 3 & 4)

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Course Location: HVNR 240

Office Hours: T/R 4 pm - 5 pm or by appointment

Course Description:

ECO 3302 aims at equipping students with economic methods and tools to analyze basic environmental issues. It will help students develop the tools to estimate the costs and benefits of environmental regulations. These tools will be used to evaluate some current environmental policies.

Prerequisite:

ECO 2013 & ECO 2023. Intermediate Microeconomics will be a plus but the course provides enough basic economics to help students with little economics background.

Textbook and Readings

The textbook for this course is Barry C. Field and Martha K. Field, *Environmental Economics: An Introduction* (sixth edition), McGraw Hill. You will be responsible for only the chapters and sections covered in class.

Course requirement

1. There will be one in-class midterm exam and one final exam. The final exam will be given on the last day of class.
2. Make-up exams must be arranged before the exam date/time and will only be offered for UF-related conflicts and religious holidays
3. There will be weekly problem sets. Please upload your responses to the problem sets before the due time. Any assignment received after the due time will be penalized.

You are encouraged to work with other students on the problem sets, but each student must write up his or her answers separately.

Exams

As noted above, there will be one midterm and a final exam. Dates for the midterms and the final exam are as follows:

Midterm: 26th May 2016
Final Exam: 16th June 2015

Grades

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

Attendance and Participation	10%
Assignments	25%
Midterm	30%
Final exam	35%
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Total	100%

Your final letter grade distribution will be determined as follows:

90.00-100	A
88.00-89.99	B+
80.00-87.99	B
78.00-79.99	C+
70.00-77.99	C
68.00-69.99	D+
60.00-67.99	D
0-59.99	E

Attendance Policy and comporment

Irregular attendance or inattentiveness will most likely result in a substantial reduction in course performance. Attendance is required. I therefore encourage you to attend and participate in all lectures. Please shut off or put away laptops, tablets, ipods, phones and other electronic devices or toys during class, unless asked otherwise.

Student Responsibility

Enrollment in this course constitutes acknowledgment of the following:

1. I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all of their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the University.
2. I will adhere to university copyright policies as found at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/copyright.html>
3. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Course Outline

- WEEK 1
Review of Microeconomic principles, Introduction to Environmental Economics, and Analytical tools for Evaluating Environmental Policies.
READINGS: F&F 1 - 5
- WEEK 2
Framework for Environmental Analysis: Cost Benefit Analysis
READINGS: F&F 6 - 8
- WEEK 3
Criteria for Evaluating Environmental Policy, Decentralized Policies, and Standards
READINGS: F&F 9 - 11
- WEEK 4
Incentive-based strategies policy analysis, Environmental Policies in the United States
READINGS: F&F 12 - 14
- WEEK 5
Environmental Policies in the United States: Federal, State, Local
READINGS: F&F 15 - 17
- WEEK 6
International Environmental Issues
READINGS: F&F 18 - 21