Economics 381/Environmental Studies 312: Environmental Economics
Course Outline: Spring 2019 - CRNS 21030 & 21528

Note that this document contains an overview of important information regarding Econ 381. For further details (of which there are many), please see the course website (content will be added relatively quickly during the first week or two of class).

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**Lectures:** Tue, Wed, Fri; 12.30-1.20pm; CLE A127.

**Website:** [http://web.uvic.ca/~ehutchin/TEACH/381/381S19.html](http://web.uvic.ca/~ehutchin/TEACH/381/381S19.html)

**COURSE OVERVIEW**

Climate change is the most important and urgent policy problem facing your generation, and indeed this will likely be true for many generations to come. Because of this, the focus of this course will largely be on the economics of climate change and climate chance policy, although additional and related topics will be covered along the way. A more detailed overview of the course content will be posted on the course website as the term progresses.

**COURSE COMPONENTS, MATERIALS, AND RESOURCES**

1. **Lectures:**

   Although lecture attendance is not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged and highly correlated with student success.

2. **Textbook:**

   There is no assigned text for the course, although I will make some readings available for certain topics throughout the term.

3. **Course Web Page:**

   The course website can be found at [http://web.uvic.ca/~ehutchin/TEACH/381/381S19.html](http://web.uvic.ca/~ehutchin/TEACH/381/381S19.html). **All important information pertaining to the course will be posted on this website,** so you should check the website regularly and frequently. Almost any question that you might have about the course will be answered somewhere on the website.
4. Office Hours:

Details will be posted on the course website. I will hold regular office hours every week, as well as additional office hours around the time of exams. On the odd occasion, I will need to reschedule my weekly office hours when unforeseen meetings etc. arise throughout the term. So check the course website each week for any such changes. I am also available for appointments outside my office hours (subject to my own scheduling constraints). To make an appointment, talk to me before or after class or drop by my office.

EVALUATION (how your grade is calculated)

The components of your grade for Econ 381/ES 312 are as follows.

- Review assignment/background survey (due Friday, Jan 18) = 5%
- Mid-term #1 (Friday, Feb 8, in class) = 15%
- Mid-term #2 (Tuesday, Mar 5, in class) = 15%
- Mid-term #3 (Tuesday, Mar 26, in class) = 15%
- Final Exam (3 hours, TBA as scheduled by the University) = 50%

More information regarding length, coverage, etc. of the exams will be posted on the course website, as exams approach.

Deferred final exams will be given only on the basis of documented illness or family affliction, and for no other reasons. The documentation must provide specific detail to be acceptable.

The relationship between calculated course percentage marks and letter grades is as follows:

- A+ (90-100)
- A (85-89)
- A- (80-84)
- B+ (77-79)
- B (73-76)
- B- (70-72)
- C+ (65-69)
- C (60-64)
- D (50-59)
- F (0-49)
OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Policy on Use of Email: Large class numbers mean that I am unable to answer emails from students, except in the case of urgent and critical matters regarding your personal participation in the course (such as inability to attend an exam or prolonged illness). In any such email communication, be sure to include “ECON 381” or “ES 312” in the subject line (lest your email be mistaken for spam). Proper etiquette for professional communications should be followed in all emails (for instance, all emails should be signed and should not include text message abbreviations). Questions on course material are encouraged but they should be asked during office hours, during class, and before or after class, rather than by email. Almost all administrative questions you have are likely to be answered by material posted on the course website and/or in class, and I encourage you to check the website regularly when you have questions.

Missing a Test: Accommodations can be made for missed tests, but only in cases of unforeseen emergencies, such as serious illness (a cold does not qualify). Relevant documentation (such as a doctor’s certificate) must be promptly provided in such cases. If you cannot provide adequate documentation you will receive a score of zero for the missed test. See the course website for more details on missed assessment.

University Policy on Plagiarism and Cheating: The standards and the reputation of a University are the shared responsibility of its faculty and student body. Students are expected to observe the same standards of scholarly integrity as their academic and professional counterparts. Plagiarism and cheating are considered a most serious breach of academic integrity and shall be dealt with as such by the Department of Economics.

University Policy on Working Environment: The University of Victoria is committed to promoting a positive and safe learning and working environment for all its members.

University Policy on Examinations and Travel Arrangements: Students should not make travel plans until after the examination timetable has been finalized. Students who wish to finalize their travel plans at an earlier date should book flights after the end of the examination period (see the University Calendar). There will be no special accommodation if travel plans conflict with the examination.