



Department of Economics Course Outline

Course:	Economics 377 [Economics of the Environment]	Term:	Winter 2009
Time:	MWF 14:00 – 14:50	Section:	01
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Textbook(s):

- Tom Tietenberg, Elizabeth Wilman and Peter Tracey *Environmental Economics and Policy*, Addison Wesley, Canadian edition (Pearson, 2008).

Book(s) on Reserve:

- None. The textbook is intended as the main reading for the course. Other materials pertinent to class discussions will be handed out in class, or made available on Blackboard.

Blackboard:

This course will make use of blackboard – students who are registered in the course can logon at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>

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- **Doomsayers versus Doom-slayers: Jan. 12-14**
 - Visions of the Future (T ch. 1)
- **Basic Concepts: Jan. 16-30**
 - Valuing the Environment: Concepts (T ch. 2)
 - Valuing the Environment: Methods (T ch. 3)
 - Property Rights, Externalities & Environmental Problems (T ch. 4)
 - Sustainable Development: Defining the Concept (T ch. 5)
- **Overview of Environmental Economics: Feb. 2-13**
 - (T ch. 6)

- **First Midterm Exam: Feb. 23**
- **Air Pollution: Feb. 25-Mar. 4**
 - Air Pollution-Stationary Sources Both Local and Regional (T ch. 7)
 - Mobile Source Air Pollution (T ch. 8)
- **Water and Water Pollution: Mar. 6-13.**
 - (T ch. 9)
- **The Economics of Waste: Mar. 16-20**
 - (T ch. 10)
- **Second Midterm Exam: Mar. 23**
- **Biodiversity: Mar. 25-Apr. 6**
 - Forest Habitat (T ch. 11)
 - Commercial Species (T ch. 12)
- **Global Environmental Problems: Apr. 8-13**
 - (T ch. 13)
- **Doomsayers and Doom-slayers Revisited: Apr. 15-17**
 - Visions of the Future Revisited (T ch. 14)

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

2 Midterms	40%
Assignments	25%
Final Examination	35% (Scheduled by Registrar)

A two hour final examination to be held in a classroom will be comprehensive and scheduled by the Registrar's Office.

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, and then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	95 - 100	B	77 - 81	C-	61 - 65
A	90 - 94	B-	74 - 76	D+	57 - 60
A-	87 - 89	C+	71 - 73	D	51 - 56
B+	82 - 86	C	66 - 70	F	0 - 50

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, *at the instructor's discretion*, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Non-programmable calculators will be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

Tests and exams will be short answer and essay. Content and organization will be the grading basis.

Specific instructions regarding the assignments will be discussed during the first two weeks of class.

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Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor within 15 days of the work being returned to the class.
- Students are responsible for all material covered in the book, material passed out in class or presented in class lectures.
- Make-up examinations will not be allowed except in cases of extreme personal emergencies. This is only in cases of necessary absence and is at the discretion of the instructor. Exams will not be given before the indicated examination dates.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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