



## Department of Economics Course Outline

		<b>Term:</b>	Summer 2005
<b>Course:</b>	Economics 499.30 [Economics and Ethics]	<b>Section:</b>	60
<b>Time:</b>	TR 14:00-16:50	<b>Place:</b>	SS 109 (subject to change)
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### Textbook(s):

[1] Kaplow, Louis and Steven Shavell, *Fairness Versus Welfare*. Harvard University Press, 2002. **[Required]**

[2] LaFollette, Hugh, ed. *The Blackwell Guide to Ethical Theory*. Blackwell, 2000. **[Required]**

### Book(s) on Reserve:

None

### Blackboard:

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

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This course will consider the relationships which exist between economic analysis and ethical reasoning. A dialogue can and should take place between these two disciplines. In particular, it must be asked what economists can learn from moral philosophers. An attempt will be made in

this course to consider the moral dimensions of various economic policies. Examples will be

drawn from the subject matter of environmental economics and social choice theory. Required readings will be specified on Blackboard.

### Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Midterm	40%	July 26, 2005
Class Participation	10%	
Final Examination	50%	Scheduled by Registrar ? 2 Hours

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 below. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	97 ? 100	B+	84 ? 88	C+	73 ? 75	D+	57 - 61
A	92 ? 96	B	79 ? 83	C	67 ? 72	D	50 - 56
A-	89 ? 91	B-	76 ? 78	C-	62 ? 66	F	0 - 49

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 the student to pass the course as a whole.

Calculators WILL NOT be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, lasting 2 hours. It will be held in a classroom.

Tests and exams WILL NOT involve multiple choice questions.

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### Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (assignment, mid-term test) should discuss their work with the Instructor within one week of the work being returned to the class.
- Make-up mid-term tests/assignments and deferred mid-term tests/assignments will not be given. In cases of documented

illness, documented family emergency, or documented religious observance, extra weight will be given to the final examination.

- Mid-term tests and the final examination will not be given before the indicated dates.
- Students are required to read the chapters listed in the outline.

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