



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

Department of Economics Course Outline

	Term: Fall 2008
Course: Economics 499.40 Water Resource Economics and Policy	Section: 01
Time: TR 15:30 – 16:45	Place: ST 130 (subject to change)
Instructor: T.M. Horbulyk, PhD	
Office: SS 540	Telephone: 220-4604
Office Hours: TR 13:00 – 14:00	E-mail: horbulyk@ucalgary.ca

Textbook(s):

Required: W. Douglass Shaw. 2005. *Water Resource Economics and Policy: an Introduction*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing Inc. Paperback edition. ISBN: 978 1 84720 225 3

and

Recommended: Bakker, Karen, editor. 2007. *Eau Canada: the Future of Canada's Water*. Vancouver: UBC Press. Paperback edition. ISBN: 978 0 77481 340 2.

Book(s) on Reserve:

A list of specific topics and required readings, including a list of Books on Reserve, will be provided in the first week of lectures.

Course Content:

The course will examine selected economic issues in water resource systems in Canada and other countries, including water quantity, water quality, ecosystem sustainability and water supply.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

The final grade that each student receives will be based on the following weighting scheme:

Midterm Examinations (two)	30%
Term Paper	25%
Final Examination	35%
Class Participation	<u>10%</u>
	100%

(a) Examinations

The midterm examinations will be held in class on dates to be announced. The Final Examination will be scheduled by the Registrar and will last two hours. It will be a comprehensive examination of all material covered in the course. All examinations will be closed-book. Students will *not* be allowed the use of calculators or other aids during any examination.

Deferred examinations will not be given *except in the case of the Final Examination, where this possibility is provided for in the university's Academic Regulations*. Examinations will not be given *before* the indicated examination date. For further information see pages 43 and 47 of the *2008/2009 Calendar*.

(b) Term Paper

Students are encouraged to choose a specific and well-defined topic of interest based on the course content and to prepare a relatively short and concise paper. The topic for the paper must be cleared with the Instructor no later than October 9, and the paper will be due on November 27. Additional information about requirements for the term paper will be provided to students during the first weeks of class.

(c) Course Grades

A numerical score will be determined for each item of work submitted and a final (weighted) percentage score will be determined. A course letter grade will be assigned based upon the following conversion chart for final percentage scores:

A+	90 – 100	B	73 – 76	C–	60 – 62
A	85 – 89	B–	70 – 72	D+	57 – 59
A-	80 – 84	C+	67 – 69	D	50 – 56
B+	77 – 79	C	63 – 66	F	0 - 49

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using this 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 represent student achievement more fairly.

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

Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (including the midterm exams) should discuss their work with the instructor *within fifteen days* of it being returned to class. Re-graded work stands an equal chance of having a higher or lower score assigned. Any term work which is *not returned* during regular class time may be collected from the instructor during office hours.

(d) Academic Accommodations:

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

I welcome any comments you may have about the course during the term. When something is not clear during a lecture, do not hesitate to ask questions or to come see me during office hours.

Other Resources:

Students' Union Vice-President Academic:

Pamela Weatherbee
Phone: 220-3911
E-mail suypaca@ucalgary.ca

Students' Union Faculty Representative (Social Sciences)

Teale Phelps Bondaroff
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Society of Undergraduates in Economics (S.U.E.):

www.ucalgary.ca/sue/

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

Safewalk/Campus Security: 220-5333
