

**ECON 131 -- SYLLABUS (Summer I, 2014)**  
**Foster, UCSD, October 30, 2014**

<b>Teaching Staff and Consultation Hours</b>			
<b>Name/Position</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>
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Course Information

- Course Title: Economics of the Environment (ID = 812489)
- Lectures – MW, 8-11 am, Solís 104
- Description: Value of the environment, issues in resource management, anti-pollution policies.
- Prerequisite: Ec 2 or Ec 100A
- Course webpage: <http://Ted.ucsd.edu>

Books and Materials

- Smith, *Environmental Economics: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford, 2011 [Required]
- Keohane & Olmstead, *Markets and the Environment*, Island, 2007. [Required]

Calendar

- Change grade option or drop w/o “W” thru F, 11 JUL ; drop w/o “F” thru W, 30 JUL
- Holidays: Friday, 4 JUL (Independence Day)
- Midterm: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 (1 hour, in class)
- Final: Friday, August 1, 2014, 8-11 am, in Solís 104

Examinations and Grading

- Exams are closed book and notes. A calculator is required.
- Midterm = 50 points; cumulative final = 150. Course grades will be curved.
- No bathroom breaks during midterms. If you arrive late to an exam, I will allow you to take the exam in the time that remains *as long as no one has turned in an exam and left the room*. Once a classmate has turned in an exam, you will earn a zero on the test if you arrive late.
- No rescheduled or make-up exams. You MUST take the final with the rest of the class on 1 AUG. (Make your travel and wedding plans accordingly.) If you miss a midterm for a verifiable medical, legal or sports reason, your midterm grade will be your grade on the final. You must notify me promptly that you will miss the midterm or I will give you a zero. Unexcused absences also result in a zero.

<b>Course Outline and Reading List</b>			
	<b>Topic Number and Title</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>K &amp; O</b>
Top 1	Intro & Economic Efficiency	Ch. 1-2	Ch. 1-2
Top 2	Market Failure		Ch. 4-5
Top 3	Cost-Benefit Analysis & Measurement Issues	Ch. 4	Ch. 3
Top 4	Resource Management		Ch. 6-7
Top 5	Environmental Policy: Theory & Practice	Ch. 3	Ch. 8-10
Top 6	Global Warming & Climate Change	Ch. 5	Ch. 1 (pp. 2-6); Ch. 11-12