

ECON 131 -- SYLLABUS (Winter 2016)
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Course Information

- Course Title: Economics of the Environment (ID = 857629)
- Lectures – MWF, 10-11 am, PEPPER CANYON 106
- Prerequisite: Ec 2 or Ec 100A
- Course webpage: *TritonEd.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

- Holidays: Monday, 18 JAN, MLK; Monday, 15 FEB, Presidents Day
- Midterm: Wednesday, 10 FEB, 10-10:50 am, in PEPPER CANYON 106
- Final: Friday, 18 MAR 2016, 8-11 am, in PEPPER CANYON 106 or _____

Course Outline and Reading List			
Topic Number and Title		Smith	K & O
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

Examinations and Grading

- Midterm = 50 points; cumulative final = 100; no homework.
- Exams are open book and notes; calculator required (no laptops or phones).
- 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 not be allowed to begin the exam and will get a zero.
- No bathroom breaks during midterms. One person at a time during finals; you will be escorted by a TA, with whom you will leave your exam paper.
- No rescheduled or make-up exams. You MUST take final with the rest of the class on schedule during finals week. Plan your schedule accordingly. I have to give (and grade) 3 finals in three classes, so I will have no flexibility whatsoever.

About Cheating

1. There is a LOT of it! Honest students are put at a disadvantage by cheaters, and I hate that.
2. I routinely give multiple versions of tests. Only the TAs know which version you have.
3. If I suspect a violation of academic integrity, I withhold your score and grade and send your paper to AIC for resolution. AIC will contact you and tell you what to do. Do not try to drop the course. If you are found not guilty, I will reenter your exam score. If you are found guilty, your college will impose penalties, and I give you an F in the course.