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Introduction to Environmental Economics

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Office hours (in-person or Zoom) - by appointment, usually available immediately after class

Course location: Anderson Hall 008

This will be a hybrid course, where many meetings will occur in person (in Anderson 008) yet a Zoom option is available to students, and some course meetings may occur on Zoom in their entirety. Most of the course is going to be in-person, live, and synchronous. I strongly encourage you all to attend the lectures and actively engage with the lecture material, questions I will pose, and in-class activities and discussions. At the same time, I will make course recordings available to the students. Powerpoint notes and other materials will be posted in the "Course outline" section below. In my presentation, sometimes I will follow the Powerpoint notes, and sometimes I will add material in the lecture or leave the material in the Powerpoints for your independent perusal. Please do not distribute Powerpoint notes, lecture recordings, or course assignments to anyone without my explicit permission.

Course meeting times: MTWTh 1:10 - 3:20

Final exam: July 19

Course overview and objectives:

This course is intended to serve as an introduction to the concepts, theories, and methods used in the economic analysis of environmental and natural resource issues. The course covers topics such as scarcity, choice, economic concept of value, the principles of market efficiency, and why the market often appears to fail where environmental and natural resource issues are concerned. Environmental policy prescriptions and tools designed to correct such market failures are explored. Economic principles and tools are used to discuss pollution, management and use of renewable natural resources such as forests and fisheries, the problem of managing nonrenewable resources, and sustainability. The course aims to provide students with an ability to think about pressing environmental and resource issues and possible solutions in terms of individual and social choices, tradeoffs, and efficiency, i.e., in economic terms.

Learning outcomes

Upon the completion of the course, the students will be able to:

- · Understand and recognize when encountered in research or other literature, at the minimum, the following concepts
 - Pareto-improvement
 - Pareto-efficiency
 - Potential compensation test
 - Scarcity
 - Importance of exchange
 - o Individual and market demand and demand shifters
 - o Individual and market supply and supply shifters
 - Economic efficiency

- Technical efficiency
- Economic value
- Marginal analysis
- o Conditions for economic efficiency of market outcomes
- The role of prices in the economy
- Externality
- o Transactions costs and the Coase Theorem
- Rivalry
- Excludability
- o Common pool resources
- Simple non-cooperative games
- · Best response and Nash equilibrium
- o Consumer and producer surplus
- Stated preference methods of non-market valuation
- Revealed preference methods of non-market valuation
- Capital, the valuation principle, and discounting
- Net present value
- Price-based incentive policies and their likely consequences
- o Quantity-based incentive policies and their likely consequences
- o Cost-effectiveness
- Natural capital and ecosystem services
- · Weak and strong sustainability
- · Regulating a stock pollutant
- o Benefit-cost analysis
- Distributional equity analysis
- Sustainable development goals
- · Solve, graphically and algebraically, for efficient and competitive market outcomes in a partial equilibrium framework
- Understand the role, promise, and pitfalls of market allocation mechanisms
- · Find, explain, graphically identify, and compute (in the case that numerical parameters are provided), the following
 - Market equilibrium outcome
 - Efficient outcome
 - Deadweight loss
 - o Consumers' surplus
 - o Producers' surplus
- Evaluate a specific instance of resource allocation, identify potential market failures, and sketch out possible corrective policies
- · Continue the study of economic aspects of environmental policy and management at intermediate and advanced levels
- Readily comprehend economic analyses of environmental issues presented in policy documents produced by governmental, nongovernmental, international, and research organizations
- Comprehend, with only occasional need for reference, primary research articles published by economists and interdisciplinary teams in outlets such as *Nature*, *Science*, *Proceedings of the National Academies of Sciences*, and similar

Recommended textbook (denoted HR in the syllabus):

Environmental and Natural Resource Economics:

A Contemporary Approach, 4th Edition

by Jonathan Harris & Brian Roach

http://www.bu.edu/eci/education-materials/textbooks/environmental-and-natural-resource-economics/student-supplements/ (http://www.bu.edu/eci/education-materials/textbooks/environmental-and-natural-resource-economics/student-supplements/)

Additional readings and exercises will also come from https://www.core-econ.org/ https://www.core-econ.org/ https://www.core-econ.org/ https://www.core-econ.org/ https://www.core-econ.org/)

Grading and Evaluation (please find all assignments under the "Quizzes" section on Canvas)

Quizzes and other activities: 20%

Homework assignments: 40%

There will be 4 homework assignments throughout the course.

Midterm Exam: 20%

Final Exam: 20%

Both midterm and the final exams will take the form of open book, open notes, <u>individually completed</u>, take-home exams formatted as Canvas Quizzes. You may use the textbook and notes but you cannot use other web materials or collaborate with others in person or electronically.

Grades will be weighted as above to arrive at a percentage grade which will be converted to the 4.0 scale using the 55% cutoff for 0.7 and 95% and above for 4.0, with a linear interpolation in between: **grade scale.PNG**

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I also expect to offer some synchronous and asynchronous activities which can earn extra credit.

Homework assignments are take-home work on which you may collaborate in groups, but you must submit your your own answers.

Course outline (subject to change as quarter progresses, so check it frequently). Generally, please try to do the readings listed here before class, and follow with reviewing Powerpoint and other notes and additional suggested readings and resources. Students are expected to come to class prepared and ready to engage in a meaningful discussion.

Course Modules

1.Introduction. Economic preliminaries. Scarcity and choice. Social choice. Efficiency.

Read: HR Chapter 1

Notes: Lecture1.1_235.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383730?wrap=1)

Very dated but spot on bit on scarcity and tradeoffs

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzhnMiB_Dro = (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzhnMiB_Dro)



(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzhnMiB_Dro)

Good description of Pareto-efficiency (please read up to the paragraph which starts with "We now apply the language of Pareto efficiency to three possible ways of organizing the commons—open access...")

<u>https://www.core-econ.org/espp/book/text/03.html#pareto-efficiency</u> <u>→ (https://www.core-econ.org/espp/book/text/03.html#pareto-efficiency)</u>

Recent technical efficiency (life cycle GHG emissions comparisons) of EVs vs gas-powered vehicles

https://www.wsj.com/graphics/are-electric-cars-really-better-for-the-environment/?mod=hp_lead_pos5 (https://www.wsj.com/graphics/are-electric-cars-really-better-for-the-environment/?mod=hp_lead_pos5)

Optional:

Fullerton and Stavins (1998): https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383823/download?wrap=1)

More on history of growth, capitalism, inequality, and sustainability challenges (1.1-1.13): https://www.core-econ.org/espp/book/text/01.html#11-introduction (https://www.core-econ.org/espp/book/text/01.html#11-introduction)

Advanced (more on theories of social welfare and Pareto improvements): https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10677-004-2217-0
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Breakout group discussion: identify dimensions of scarcity at the individual and social levels. Think about ways that scarcity can be mitigated. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wR_U9ya62xKEmGHw3KDV1qCdnMXJPB6LKswM4mpLpk8/edit?usp=sharing

Breakout room discussion: skim section 5.2 https://www.core-econ.org/the-economy/book/text/05.html#52-evaluating-institutions-and-outcomes-the-pareto-criterion) (can omit game-theory-specific terms--we will cover those later, consider Figure 5.1. Discuss your answers to https://www.core-econ.org/the-economy/book/text/05.html#question-51-choose-the-correct-answers) and see the feedback.

**To-Do: Quiz 1 (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/quizzes/1872083) -

2. Choosing the efficient level of environmental quality. Total benefits and total costs and marginal benefits and marginal costs. Equimarginal Principle I.

Read: HR pp. 68-76

Notes: Lecture2_equimarginal_principle_so2_example.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383883?wrap=1)

3. Efficiency of markets. Supply and demand. Working with a market model. Markets and economic efficiency. Measuring benefits and costs using demand and supply. Consumers' surplus, producers' surplus; adding up demand

Notes: supply_demand (2).pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383772/download?wrap=1)

Read: https://core-econ.org/the-economy/book/text/08.html (you can ignore the concepts of "Nash equilibrium" and "isoprofit")

Explore: https://www.econgraphs.org/graphs/micro/equilibrium/partial_equilibrium/summing_linear_demands (https://www.econgraphs.org/graphs/micro/equilibrium/partial_equilibrium/summing_linear_demands)

Breakout question: Suppose a demand curve is described by $Q_d\left(P\right)=30-0.5P$ and the supply curve is described by $Q_s\left(P\right)=\frac{1}{2}P$. Plot the supply and demand curves with P (in \$) on the vertical axis and Q on the horizontal axis. A useful thing to do would be to invert both curves so that marginal benefits and marginal costs are represented as a function of quantity. For the demand curve, expressing it as $mWTP\left(Q\right)=P_d\left(Q\right)$ can be done by inverting the demand expression $Q=30-0.5P\Leftrightarrow 0.5P=30-Q\Leftrightarrow P_d\left(Q\right)=60-2Q=mWTP\left(Q\right)$ and similarly for the supply curve. Find the competitive market equilibrium quantity and price.

**Reminder: Homework 1 (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/quizzes/1872085)

KEY:

4. Market failures I (externalities)

Read: Ch. 3 HR up to section 3.3. + Appendix 3.2

Notes (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383723/download?wrap=1)

Handout: Transport externalities handout.docx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383830/download?wrap=1)

Optional: Externality, visualized: https://vimeo.com/119170132 [-> (https://vimeo.com/119170132)]

externality_(2).pdf (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383692/download?wrap=1)

Breakout activity: Market model with a negative externality. (15 min)

Solve for the market equilibrium quantity and the efficient outcome quantity. Label NSB in both cases. Convince yourself that NSB(market outcome) < NSB(efficient outcome) outside of class time.

Demand: $MSB\left(Q
ight) = P_d\left(Q
ight) = 12 - 1.5Q$

Supply (marginal private cost): $MPC\left(Q
ight) = P_{s}\left(Q
ight) = 2 + Q$

Marginal damage from a negative externality: MD = 2.5

Competitive market outcome: $MPC\left(Q
ight) = MSB\left(Q
ight)$, that is, supply = demand

Efficient outcome: $MSB\left(Q\right)=MSC\left(Q\right)\ or\ MSB\left(Q\right)=MPC\left(Q\right)+MD\ or\ P_{d}\left(Q\right)=P_{S}\left(Q\right)+MD$

4. Coase theorem.

Read: Section 3.3 in HR;

Notes: coase theorem.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383707/download?wrap=1)

5. Market failures II (public goods). Tragedy of the commons.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1v5eRs0_fw&list=PLBfu1mD9hk64sgOIH_nUEsndUzACDe-4Y&index=16&t=0s (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1v5eRs0_fw&list=PLBfu1mD9hk64sgOIH_nUEsndUzACDe-4Y&index=16&t=0s)



(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1v5eRs0_fw&list=PLBfu1mD9hk64sgOIH_nUEsndUzACDe-4Y&index=16&t=0s)

Read: Ch. 4 in HR;

Notes (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383884/download?wrap=1)_.

Activity: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VTsGE4zC3zlB33V10Uf8hvOcS5d18pbCeE5gwoID6Co/edit?usp=sharing

Optional:

https://www.core-econ.org/espp/book/text/11.html#1111-public-goods-common-pool-resources-and-market-failure (https://www.core-econ.org/espp/book/text/11.html#1111-public-goods-common-pool-resources-and-market-failure)

Congestion example <u>spreadsheet (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383887/download?wrap=1)</u> (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383887/download?download_frd=1)

Local example:

https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SDOT/About/SeattleCongestionPricingStudy_SummaryReport_20190520.pdf

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Common pool resource management simulation (extra credit)

Game link is https://economics-games.com/tragedy-commons). payoff sheet and the fishery dynamics example is

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jV3uGxiO0LnBnz3nB15pllB97knqSgZpfNanZ9XRCzk/edit?usp=sharing (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jV3uGxiO0LnBnz3nB15pllB97knqSgZpfNanZ9XRCzk/edit?usp=sharing)

Midterm exam (July 5).

6. Using game theory concepts to illustrate market failures.

Notes: Game_theory_235.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383888?wrap=1)

Further reading: with more games analyzed: https://core-econ.org/the-economy/book/text/04.html#subheadline (https://core-econ.org/the-economy/book/text/04.html#subheadline)

Good videos from Jesse Agar:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=t9Lo2fgxWHw (https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=t9Lo2fgxWHw)



(https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=t9Lo2fgxWHw)

and on the iterated prisoners' dilemma and evolution of cooperation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOvAbjfJ0x0 [(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOvAbjfJ0x0)



(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOvAbjfJ0x0)

7. Cost-efficiency. Equimarginal Principle II. Assessing incentive-based policy options: subsidies, taxes, cap-and-trade.

Read: HR Ch. 8:

Notes: cost_efficiency-1 (4).pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383890/download?wrap=1)

spreadsheet with an example: equimarginal_principle_2_example.xlsx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383889/download?download_frd=1)

Optional: summary and analysis of the new WA cap-and-trade bill http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2021-

22/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/House/5126-S2.E%20HBA%20ENVI%2021.pdf?q=20210510134337

(http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/House/5126-S2.E%20HBA%20ENVI%2021.pdf?q=20210510134337)

8. Global climate change/"bathtub analogy". Regulating a stock pollutant

Read: HR Ch. 12

Notes: climate change cost efficiency and ipcc.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383885?wrap=1)

International synthesis: https://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/wg3/ipcc_wg3_ar5_summary-for-policymakers.pdf (https://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/wg3/ipcc_wg3_ar5_summary-for-policymakers.pdf)

Not required, but highly recommended: http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/AR5_SYR_FINAL_SPM.pdf SYR_FINAL_SPM.pdf)_

In-class activity: climate pledges simulation

World-Climate-Proposal-Form.docx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383874?wrap=1)

WCS Briefing Statement - China v10.pdf (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383897?wrap=1)

WCS Briefing Statement - EU v9.pdf (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383731?wrap=1)

WCS Briefing Statement - India v9.pdf (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383873?wrap=1)

WCS Briefing Statement - Other Developed v9.pdf (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383738?wrap=1)

WCS Briefing Statement - Other Developing v9.pdf (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383881?wrap=1)

WCS Briefing Statement - US v15.pdf (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383854?wrap=1)

Pledges:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19GuKjigjwldX_WxmlOl5jTXl9OmVJ6sENZaFOw_y9ZA/edit?usp=sharing (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19GuKjigjwldX_WxmlOl5jTXl9OmVJ6sENZaFOw_y9ZA/edit?usp=sharing)

Additional CI slides: World-Climate-Slides-Mar-2022-v6.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383898?wrap=1)

Supplemental-Slides-Dec-2021-v9.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383879?wrap=1)

Some additional data sources used:

http://openclimatedata.net/climate-spirals/from-emissions-to-global-warming-line-chart/ (http://openclimatedata.net/climate-spirals/from-emissions-to-global-warming-line-chart/)

https://www.globalwarmingindex.org/ 🕞 (https://www.globalwarmingindex.org/)

https://sealevel.climatecentral.org/about - (https://sealevel.climatecentral.org/about)

9. Experience with market instruments and policies for climate change: taxes, cap-and-trade, EN-ROADS simulation exercise

Read: Ch. 13 HR

Notes: climate change part 2 policies.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383743?wrap=1)

Optional:

Consider scenarios in https://croadsworldclimate.climateinteractive.org/)

Very helpful in understanding the rapidly evolving policy landscape

<u>https://carbonpricingdashboard.worldbank.org/what-carbon-pricing</u> <u>⇒ (https://carbonpricingdashboard.worldbank.org/what-carbon-pricing)</u>

10. Giving environment a "money voice": valuation I. Taxonomy of values and methods. Revealed preference methods.

Read: Ch. 6 HR; 125-136;

Notes (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383783/download?wrap=1)

Optional: <u>Travel Cost example.xlsx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383892/download?wrap=1)</u> (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383892/download?download frd=1)

<u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBfu1mD9hk66oUljAURGn9PCXbUnBHWaP</u> (<u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBfu1mD9hk66oUljAURGn9PCXbUnBHWaP</u>)

11. Valuation II: Stated preference methods. Value of risks to life and health.

Read: Ch. 6 HR, pp. 137-150;

Notes (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383891/download?wrap=1)

Note on VSL terminology problem: recent suggestions to use "value of reduced mortality risk" (VRMR) (see https://academic.oup.com/reep/article/13/1/155/5288726 https://academic.oup.com/reep/article/13/1/155/5288726 https://academic.oup.com/reep/article/13/1/155/5288726)

Recommended: http://theconversation.com/whats-the-value-of-a-clean-beach-heres-how-economists-do-the-numbers-94805)

12. Benefits and costs across time. Discounting.

Read: Ch. 7 HR + Appendix;

bca discounting-1.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383893/download?wrap=1)

Optional:

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Gerald_Shively/publication/255661807_An_Overview_of_Benefit-

Cost_Analysis/links/00b4953c6c71e4e538000000.pdf ⊟

(https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Gerald Shively/publication/255661807 An Overview of Benefit-

Cost Analysis/links/00b4953c6c71e4e538000000.pdf)

EPA's guidelines for economic analyses of environmental issues: https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economics/guidelines-preparing-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economics/guidelines-preparing-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economics/guidelines-preparing-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economics/guidelines-preparing-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economics/guidelines-preparing-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economics/guidelines-preparing-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economic-analyses (https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economic-analyses (<a href="https://www.epa.gov/env

See pp. 173-175 in HR on how to use Excel for discounting and simple benefit-cost analysis, as well as Excel example of discounting:

Present value example.xlsx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383894/download?wrap=1)

(https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383894/download?download_frd=1)

Optional (more advanced): an example of how uncertainty may lead us to discount at low rates: an example of averaging discount factors, not discount rates. See M. Weitzman, "Risk-Adjusted Gamma Discounting," Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, 60, 1-13 (2010). weitzman discounting.xlsx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383899/download?wrap=1) (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383899/download?download_frd=1)

13. Benefit-cost analysis. Choosing projects.

Breakout questions:

- All other things being equal, the higher the discount rate used, the (higher/lower) is the present value.
- The present value of \$80,000 in 10 years (T=10), using a real discount rate of 4% (r=0.04) is:

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• The net present value of a project which costs 100 million at time 0, yields 50 million in benefits in 5 years (T=5) and then another 150 million in benefits in 50 years (T=50) is, assuming a 5% discount rate (r=0.05):

Read: Ch. 7 HR

Notes (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383895/download?wrap=1)

14. Economics of natural resources I. Nonrenewables.

Read: Ch. 5 HR; Ch. 17 HR

Notes: dynamic_efficiency_hotelling_nonrenewables_shorter.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383737?wrap=1)

15. Economics of natural resources II: Resources that grow: forests, fisheries.

Forestry:

https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/intro-forestry-economics (https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/intro-forestry-economics) (~ 5 min)

https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/forestry-economics-optimal-rotation-age-part-1 (https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/forestry-economics-optimal-rotation-age-part-1) (~ 12 min) -- part 2 is more technical so part 1 will suffice

https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/ecosystem-services-and-optimal-rotation-age (https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/ecosystem-services-and-optimal-rotation-age) (~ 5 min)

<u>https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/forestry-economics-forest-policy</u> ⊕ (https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/forestry-economics-forest-policy) (~ 5 min)

Fisheries (also can see notes below with more on the bioeconomic model of fisheries)

https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/fisheries-economics-policy-intro-fisheries-management (https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/fisheries-economics-policy-intro-fisheries-management) (~ 5 min)

https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/fisheries-economics-policy-maximum-economic-yield (https://www.conservation-strategy.org/csf-economic-video/fisheries-economics-policy-maximum-economic-yield) (~ 15 min)

Suggested Reading: Ch. 16, 18, 19 HR

Notes: renewables.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383896/download?wrap=1)

May also be helpful: from HR, Ch. 19

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16. Economic growth and the environment; sustainability; empirical indicators of sustainability

Read: Ch. 2, 10, 22 HR

Notes for presentation: econ_sustainability.pptx (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/files/107383886?wrap=1)

Also helpful: Ch. 18 BH., Ch. 19 BH

http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/#/1111111111 🔁 (http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/#/1111111111)

Final exam (July 19).

Diversity and Inclusion

The College of the Environment supports an inclusive learning environment where diverse perspectives are recognized, respected, and seen as a source of strength. In this course, we will strive to create an environment of free, honest, and respectful conversation where everyone feels included and engaged regardless of their social and cultural backgrounds.

Disability Accommodations

To request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact Disability Resources for Students (http://depts.washington.edu/uwdrs/ (http://depts.washington.edu/uwdrs/)

Academic Integrity:

At the University level, passing anyone else's scholarly work as your own, without proper attribution, is considered academic misconduct.

Plagiarism, cheating, and other misconduct are serious violations of the University of Washington Student Conduct Code (WAC 478-120) (http://www.washington.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html). We expect that you will know and follow the university's policies on cheating and plagiarism. Any suspected cases of academic misconduct will be handled according to University of Washington regulations. For more information, see the College of the Environment Academic Misconduct Policy (http://environment.uw.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2013/05/Academic-Misconduct-Policy.pdf) and the University of Washington Community Standards and Student Conduct website (http://www.washington.edu/cssc/).

Use of Large Language Models (LLMs) such as ChatGPT or Bing

... So we made our own computer
Out of macaroni pieces
And it did our thinking
While we lived our lives...

Regina Spektor, The Calculation : (https://genius.com/Regina-spektor-the-calculation-lyrics)

I. Policy Overview

We are very early on in the age of generative AI and we do not yet fully understand the potential benefits and pitfalls of Large Language Models (LLMs) in the educational process. It is important to understand that while LLMs can facilitate learning, they are not a replacement for the critical thinking, analysis, and comprehension skills that are fundamental to your academic and professional development. As such, this policy outlines the appropriate use and limitations of LLMs in this course.

II. Appropriate Use of LLMs

LLMs can be utilized as a supplemental tool to aid in understanding course topics, paraphrasing content, or independent practice and exploration. However, their use should not replace your active engagement with the course materials or your independent thought process.

III. Limitations of LLMs

- 1. LLMs do not understand information: While these models can process and generate text based on patterns in the data they were trained on, they do not truly understand the content they generate or interact with. Their output should therefore be critically evaluated.
- 2. LLMs cannot (and should not) replace human thinking. Using these models should not replace your own analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of the course material. *Nobody can do your learning for you*.

IV. Responsibility of the Students

While instructors do not have control over students' use of LLMs outside of class, it is strongly advised that students use these tools responsibly and productively. Relying too much on LLMs for understanding course content, completing assignments, or studying for exams may not lead to meaningful learning or the development of necessary skills.

V. Violations and Consequences

Using LLMs in ways that violate this policy, such as to complete assignments in a manner that does not reflect your own understanding or to generate work that is not your own, may be considered academic misconduct. The use of any AI tools to complete the exams is strictly prohibited.

By engaging in this course, you agree to abide by this policy and to use LLMs responsibly as a supplementary learning tool. Your success in this course and beyond depends on your ability to think critically and independently, and these models should be used in a way that enhances, not hinders, your learning experience.

Religious accommodation.

Washington state law requires that UW develop a policy for accommodation of student absences or significant hardship due to reasons of faith or conscience, or for organized religious activities. The UW's policy, including more information about how to request an accommodation, is available at Religious Accommodations Policy (https://registrar.washington.edu/staffandfaculty/religious-accommodations-policy/). Accommodations must be requested within the first two weeks of this course using the Religious Accommodations Request form

(https://registrar.washington.edu/students/religious-accommodations-request/) (https://registrar.washington.edu/students/religious-accommodations-request/)."

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Tue Jun 20, 2023	ECON 235 A Su 22: Introduction To Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar? event_id=3216354&include_contexts=course_1643413)	1pm to 3:30pm
	ECON 235 A Su 23: Introduction To Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar? event_id=3216564&include_contexts=course_1643413)	1pm to 3:30pm
Wed Jun 21, 2023	ECON 235 A Su 22: Introduction To Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar? event_id=3216356&include_contexts=course_1643413)	1pm to 3:30pm
	ECON 235 A Su 23: Introduction To Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar? event_id=3216565&include_contexts=course_1643413)	1pm to 3:30pm
Thu Jun 22, 2023	ECON 235 A Su 22: Introduction To Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar? event_id=3216357&include_contexts=course_1643413)	1pm to 3:30pm
	ECON 235 A Su 23: Introduction To Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar? event_id=3216566&include_contexts=course_1643413)	1pm to 3:30pm
Mon Jun 26, 2023	ECON 235 A Su 22: Introduction To Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar? event_id=3216358&include_contexts=course_1643413)	1pm to 3:30pm
	ECON 235 A Su 23: Introduction To Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar? event_id=3216567&include_contexts=course_1643413)	1pm to 3:30pm
	Quiz 1 (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/assignments/8412884)	due by 3:59pm
Tue Jun 27, 2023	ECON 235 A Su 22: Introduction To Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar? event_id=3216360&include_contexts=course_1643413)	1pm to 3:30pm
	ECON 235 A Su 23: Introduction To Environmental Economics	1pm to 3:30pm

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	(https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?	
	event_id=3216568&include_contexts=course_1643413)	
	ECON 235 A Su 22: Introduction To	
	Environmental Economics	1pm to 3:30pm
	(https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?	1pm to 3.30pm
	event_id=3216361&include_contexts=course_1643413)	
Wed Jun 28, 2023		
	ECON 235 A Su 23: Introduction To	
	Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?	1pm to 3:30pm
	event_id=3216569&include_contexts=course_1643413)	
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	ECON 235 A Su 22: Introduction To	
	Environmental Economics	1pm to 3:30pm
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Fri Jun 30, 2023	(https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/assignments/8412886)	due by 11:59pm
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Sun Jul 2, 2023	(https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/assignments/8412880)	due by 11:59pm
	ECON 235 A Su 22: Introduction To	
	Environmental Economics	1pm to 3:30pm
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	Environmental Economics	1pm to 3:30pm
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	Environmental Economics	
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Wed Jul 5, 2023	ECON 235 A Su 22: Introduction To Environmental Economics	
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	event_id=3216355&include_contexts=course_1643413)	
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	ECON 235 A Su 23: Introduction To Environmental Economics	
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	event_id=3216573&include_contexts=course_1643413)	

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	Midterm exam (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/assignments/8412888)	due by 11:59pm
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	event_id=3216575&include_contexts=course_1643413)	
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	(https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/assignments/8412882)	due by 11:59pm
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	Environmental Economics	
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	Environmental Economics	1pm to 3:30pm
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	Environmental Economics	

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	Homework Assignment 3 (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/assignments/8412881)	due by 11:59pm
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	(https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/assignments/8412887)	dde by 11.00pm
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	Environmental Economics	
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	event_id=3216359&include_contexts=course_1643413)	
	ECON 235 A Su 23: Introduction To	
	Environmental Economics (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?	1pm to 3:30pm
Wed Jul 19, 2023	event_id=3216581&include_contexts=course_1643413)	
		due by 3:20pm
	Homework Assignment 4	due by 11:59pm
	(https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/assignments/8412879)	
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	(https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1643413/assignments/8412889)	
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	extra credit (https://capyas.uw.odu/caursas/1543413/assignments/8413878)	
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