



**EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 2004**  
**CURRICULUM GUIDELINES**

A. Division: **Instruction** Effective Date: **September 2004**

B. Department / Program Area: **Commerce & Business Admin. Business** Revision  New Course   
 If Revision, Section(s) Revised: **C,H**  
 Date of Previous Revision: **1999-10**  
 Date of Current Revision: **2004-04**

C: **ECON 2460** D: **Environmental Economics** E: **3**

Subject & Course No.	Descriptive Title	Semester Credits
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<b>F:</b> Calendar Description:	<p><b>Industrial societies incur environmental damage, in part, because the full "cost" of economic activities are not reflected in the market prices that direct production. This course examines market failure and applies microeconomic principles to markets for environmental resources. Methods of measuring the damages that result from polluting activities, and the benefits of improving environmental quality, are examined. The economic principles of pollution control and case studies in Canadian and International environmental regulation are discussed.</b></p>
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<b>G:</b> Allocation of Contact Hours to Type of Instruction / Learning Settings  Primary Methods of Instructional Delivery and/or Learning Settings:  <b>Lectures and Seminars</b>  Number of Contact Hours: (per week / semester for each descriptor)  <b>Lecture: 3 Hours</b> <b>Seminar: 1 Hour</b> <b>Total: 4 Hours</b>  Number of Weeks per Semester:  <b>15 Weeks X 4 Hours per Week = 60 Hours</b>	<b>H:</b> Course Prerequisites:  <b>ECON 1150</b>  <b>I:</b> Course Corequisites:  <b>Nil</b>  <b>J:</b> Course for which this Course is a Prerequisite  <b>Nil</b>  <b>K:</b> Maximum Class Size:  <b>35</b>
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**L:** PLEASE INDICATE:

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<p><b>M:</b> Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes To provide students with an economics' perspective on environmental issues.</p> <p>At the end of the course, the student will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. apply economic principles to analyze specific environmental problems and issues;</li> <li>2. demonstrate an understanding of the static, dynamic and sustainability criterion for economic efficiency;</li> <li>3. identify the sources of 'market failure' (inefficiency) and the economic principles of pollution control;</li> <li>4. utilize various 'instruments' developed by economists to deal with environmental problems to evaluate alternative courses of action for policy makers;</li> <li>5. apply economic analyses to practical situations involving environmental regulation.</li> </ol>
<p><b>N:</b> Course Content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of microeconomic 'principles', as relevant to environmental issues.</li> <li>2. Introduction to environmental problems and issues.</li> <li>3. The static, dynamic and sustainability criterion for economic efficiency.</li> <li>4. The economics of property rights.</li> <li>5. Sources of market failure.</li> <li>6. Market failure and pollution.</li> <li>7. Economic 'instruments' and pollution control.</li> <li>8. Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) -- measuring the damages resulting from polluting activities and the benefits derived from improvements in environmental quality.</li> <li>9. Case studies -- economic analyses of different types of water and air pollution, disposal of waste, and recycling.</li> </ol>
<p><b>O:</b> Methods of Instruction</p> <p>Lecture and seminar.</p>
<p><b>P:</b> Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students</p> <p><i>The main text is to be chosen from the following, as determined by the instructor:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tietenberg, Tom. <u>Environmental and Natural Resource Economics</u>, Latest Ed. New York: Harper Collins Publishers Inc.</li> </ul> <p><i>Supplementary materials may be chosen from the following, as determined by the instructor:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barde, Jean-Phillipe and David W. Pearce. <u>Valuing the Environment: Six Case Studies</u>.</li> </ul>

## Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students (cont'd)

- Doern, G. Bruce (editor). Getting it Green, Case Studies in Canadian Environmental Regulation. C.D. Howe Institute.
- Pearce, David W. and Jeremy J. Warford. World Without End: Economics, Environment and Sustainable Development.
- Pearce, David W. and R. Kerry Turner. Economics of Natural Resources and The Environment.
- Silverstein, Michael. The Environmental Economic Revolution: How Business Will Thrive and the Earth Will Survive in Years to Come. New York: Saint Martin's Press, 1993.

Environment.

Various published or unpublished articles pertaining to the course content.

**Q:** Means of Assessment

Final Examination	30% - 40%
Term Test(s)	30% - 70%
Assignments	0% - 30%
Quizzes	0% - 20%
Participation	<u>0% - 10%</u>
	100%

**THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) EVALUATIONS.**

**R:** Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition: specify whether course is open for PLAR

No.

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Course Designer(s): **Les Marshall**

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