

University of Colorado  
Department of Economics

**ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS--EC4545-001**

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Course Content

The study of environmental economics is interesting, thought-provoking, and controversial. This is both a strength and a weakness; the strength is that the inherently interesting nature of the subject matter results in greater student interest and involvement than might be the case for many of the other fields in economics. The weakness, however, is that the emotionally-charged nature of the topic tends to lead to fuzzy thinking--indeed, there is ample evidence that this problem is not unique to the academic setting; many of the worst examples of government spending and legislation have stemmed from perceptions of a "crisis," whether it is an energy crisis, a defense or terrorist crisis, a health-care crisis, or whatever.

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exams in a day, it is the third exam that university policy allows you to reschedule, so this is likely to be a problem for this course this semester. The Economics Department has recently instituted some grade changes that have made it *extremely* difficult to give incompletes. The grade of IW has been completely eliminated, and the grade of IF is only given when circumstances completely beyond student control result in inability to complete the course requirements. Such cases must be brought to my attention immediately, otherwise a grade of F will be assigned.

Office: Economics 223 (Northwest corner, 2nd floor of the Economics Bldg)

Hours: MWF 11:00am-12:00 noon and MWF 3:00-3:30 pm (also after class and by appointment at many other hours, if there are schedule conflicts).

Phone: (303) 492-7021 (message machine-but I am not usually in the office on a daily basis). The best, recommended, approach to contact me:

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**the manner in which they and their students express opinions. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. See policies**

**at:** <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html> and

**at** [http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student\\_code](http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code)

**allow it to inform "real world" environmental policy. The second exam date will also be voted upon, though it will come quite late in the semester (usually the last "legal" week for exams, which is the second to last week of the semester).**

**AGAIN: Comprehensive Final Exam Comprehensive Final Exam is Tuesday May 7th, 4:30pm to 7:00pm in our classroom--Good Luck!**