Environmental Economics and Policy

Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS)

The College of Natural Resources and the College of Letters & Science jointly offer the undergraduate major in Environmental Economics and Policy (EEP). This major offers an opportunity to explore aspects of economic and political institutions that affect the development and management of natural resources and the environment. The program takes a problem-solving approach to issues involving renewable and fixed natural resources, and it is based on a foundation in microeconomic theory and the economics of resources and the environment. The environmental economics and policy program is offered by the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

This major leads to a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree (for students in the College of Natural Resources) or a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree (for students in the College of Letters & Science).

Students who graduate with a degree in environmental economics and policy go on to a variety of jobs or graduate programs.

Admission to the Major

Freshman students may apply directly to the major or may select the College of Natural Resource's undeclared option, and declare the major by the end of their fourth semester. For further information regarding how to declare the major after admission, including information on a change of major of change of college, please see the College of Natural Resource's undeclared option, and declare the major by the end of their fourth semester. For further information regarding registration with a faculty sponsor. For further information about registration for the honors symposium or the honors requirements, please see the College of Natural Resources website (http://nature.berkeley.edu/site/honors_program.php).

Honors Program

Students with a GPA of 3.6 or higher may enroll in the College of Natural Resources honors program (H196) once they have reached upper division standing. To fulfill the program requirements, students design, conduct, and report on an individual research project, working with a faculty sponsor. For further information about registration for the honors symposium or the honors requirements, please see the College of Natural Resources website (http://nature.berkeley.edu/site/honors_program.php).

Minor Program

The minor program offers interested students an opportunity to explore aspects of economic and political institutions that affect the development and management of natural resources and the environment. For information regarding how to declare the minor, please contact the department.

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit, other than courses listed which are offered on a Pass/No Pass basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted as applicable.

2. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required.

3. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in upper division major requirements is required.

4. At least 15 of the 36 required upper division units must be taken in the College of Natural Resources (except for students majoring in environmental economics and policy; please see the EEP major adviser for further information).

5. A maximum of 16 units of independent study (courses numbered 97, 98, 99, 197, 198, and 199) may count toward graduation, with a maximum of 4 units of independent study per semester.

6. No more than 1/3 of the total units attempted at UC Berkeley may be taken Pass/No Pass. This includes units in the Education Abroad Program and UC Intercampus Visitor or Exchange Programs.

7. A maximum of 4 units of physical education courses will count toward graduation.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Lower Division Requirements

**Principles of microeconomics, select one of the following:**

- ENVECON C1 Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy
- ECON 1 Introduction to Economics
- ECON 2 Introduction to Economics--Lecture Format
- ECON C3 Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy

**Calculus, select one of the following sequences:**

- MATH 1A Calculus & MATH 1B and Calculus
- MATH 16A Analytic Geometry and Calculus & MATH 16B and Analytic Geometry and Calculus

**Statistics, select one of the following:**

- STAT 20 Introduction to Probability and Statistics
- STAT 21 Introductory Probability and Statistics for Business

Upper Division Requirements

**Intermediate microeconomics, select one of the following:**

- ENVECON 100 Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources
- ECON 100A Economic Analysis--Micro
- ECON 101A Economic Theory--Micro

**Environmental or natural resource economics**

- ENVECON C101 Environmental Economics 4 or ENVECON C111Natural Resource Economics

**Quantitative methods, select one of the following:**

- ENVECON C111Modeling and Management of Biological Resources 1
- ENVECON C111Introductory Applied Econometrics 1

**Upper division electives**
Select at least five courses to form an area of concentration (see the major adviser for further information)

Three courses must be upper division ENVECON courses
A maximum of two courses may be selected from other departments; see major adviser for a list of approved courses

See the major adviser for a list of other preapproved courses.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but they are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
3. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student’s major and minor programs.

At least one of the five upper division courses below must be taken during the academic year (i.e., not all courses may be Summer Session courses).

Lower Division Prerequisite

Select one of the following sequences:
- MATH 16A & MATH 16B
- MATH 1A & MATH 1B

Minor Requirements

Principles of microeconomics, select one of the following:
- ENVECON C1/ECON C3
- ECON 1
- ECON 2

Intermediate microeconomics, select one of the following:
- ENVECON 100
- ECON 100A
- ECON 101A

Environmental and natural resource economics
- ENVECON C101/ Environmental Economics
- ECON C125
- ENVECON/ ECON C102
- Natural Resource Economics

Quantitative methods, select one of the following:
- ENVECON C115/ ESPM C104
- ENVECON/ IAS C118

- Modeling and Management of Biological Resources
- Introductory Applied Econometrics

At least one of the five upper division courses below must be taken for graded credit.

- ENVECON/ ESPM C183
- ECON C110/ POL SCI C135
- ECON 140
- ECON 141
- ECON C142/
- POL SCI C131A/ PUB POL C142
- ESPM 102B
- ESPM 102C
- PB HLTH 140
- PB HLTH 142
- STAT 131A

Natural resource analysis and policy, select one of the following:
- ENVECON 131
- ENVECON 140
- ENVECON 142
- ENVECON 143
- ENVECON 145
- ENVECON 147
- ENVECON C1/Economic Development
- ENVECON 152
- ENVECON 153
- ENVECON 154
- ENVECON 161
- ENVECON 162
- ENVECON C17
- ENVECON C180
- ENVECON C181

Undergraduate students in the College of Letters & Science must fulfill the following requirements in addition to those required by their major program.

For detailed lists of courses that fulfill college requirements, please review the College of Letters & Sciences (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science) page in this Guide.

Entry Level Writing (http://writing.berkeley.edu/node/78)

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley.
American History and American Institutions
(http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/american-history-institutions-requirement)

The American History and Institutions requirements are based on the principle that a US resident graduated from an American university, should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

American Cultures (http://americancultures.berkeley.edu/students/courses)

American Cultures is the one requirement that all undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

Quantitative Reasoning

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.

Foreign Language

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work.

Reading and Composition

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and critical thinking the College requires two semesters of lower division work in composition in sequence. Students must complete a first-level reading and composition course by the end of their second semester and a second-level course by the end of their fourth semester.

Breadth Requirements

The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

Unit Requirements

- 120 total units, including at least 60 L&S units
- Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units
- Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

Residence Requirements

For units to be considered in “residence,” you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters & Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through UC Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to meet an adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

Senior Residence Requirement

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your BA degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Intercampus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the college.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) or the UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

Upper Division Residence Requirement

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding EAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

Reading and Composition (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/natural-resources/reading-composition-requirement)

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and critical thinking all majors in the College require two semesters of lower division work in composition. Students must complete a first-level reading and composition course by the end of their second semester and a second-level course by the end of their fourth semester.

Foreign Language (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/natural-resources/foreign-language-requirement): EEP Majors only

The Foreign Language requirement is only required by Environmental Economics and Policy (EEP) majors. It may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work.

Quantitative Reasoning (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/natural-resources/quantitative-reasoning-requirement): EEP Majors only
The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is only required by Environmental Economics and Policy (EEP) majors. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.

**Undergraduate Breadth**

Undergraduate breadth provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. Breadth courses are built into CNR major requirements. The EEP major is the only CNR major that requires the entire 7 course breadth. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

**High School Exam Credit**

CNR students may apply high school exam credit (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, A-Level Exam) towards many College and Major Requirements. See AP Exam Equivalency Chart and Higher Level IB Exam Equivalency Chart in the CNR Student Handbook (https://nature.berkeley.edu/handbook) for more information.

**Units Requirements**

Students must complete at least 120 semester units of courses subject to certain guidelines:

- At least 36 units must be upper division courses, including a minimum of 15 units of upper division courses in the College of Natural Resources.
- A maximum of 16 units of Special Studies coursework (courses numbered 97, 98, 99, 197, 198, or 199) is allowed towards the 120 units; a maximum of four is allowed in a given semester.
- A maximum of 4 units of Physical Education from any school attended will count towards the 120 units.
- Students may receive unit credit for courses graded P (including P/NP units taken through EAP) up to a limit of one-third of the total units taken and passed on the Berkeley campus at the time of graduation.

**Semester Unit Minimum**

All CNR students must enroll in at least 13 units each fall and spring semester.

**Semester Unit Maximum**

To request permission to take more than 19.5 units in a semester, please see the major adviser.

**Semester Limit**

Students admitted as freshmen must graduate within 8 fall/spring semesters at UC Berkeley. Students admitted as transfer students must graduate within 4 fall/spring semesters at UC Berkeley. Students who go on EAP and UCDC can petition for additional semesters. Summer session, UC Extension and non-UC study abroad programs do not count towards this semester limit. Students approved for double majors or simultaneous degrees in two colleges may be granted an additional semester. CNR does not limit the number of total units a student can accrue.

**Senior Residence Requirement**

After reaching senior status (90 semester units earned), students must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in at least two semesters in residence at the College of Natural Resources. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least four passed units. Inter-campus Visitor, Education Abroad Program, UC Berkeley Washington Program, and UC Berkeley Extension units do not count toward this requirement.

Students may use Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence Requirement, provided that four units of coursework are completed.

**Modified Senior Residence Requirement**

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) or the UC Berkeley Washington Program may meet a modified Senior Residence Requirement by completing 24 of their final 60 semester units in residence (excluding UCEAP). At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after senior status is reached.

Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless students go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through University Extension during their senior year. In these cases, students should make an appointment to see an adviser to determine how they can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

**Grade Requirements**

- A 2.0 UC GPA is required for graduation.
- A 2.0 average in all upper division courses required of the major program is required for graduation.

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Environmental Economics and Policy major requirements before making a program plan. For more detailed information regarding the courses listed below (e.g., elective information, GPA requirements, etc.), see the College Requirements and Major Requirements tabs.
Environmental Economics and Policy

ENVECON C1 Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Spring 2017
Introduction to microeconomics with emphasis on resource, agricultural, and environmental issues.
Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Mathematics 32

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive 2 units of credit for 1 after taking Economics 1.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: ECON C3

Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy: Read Less [-]
ENVECON 39D Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 1.5 - 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2009, Fall 2008
Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.
Freshman/Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Priority given to freshmen and sophomores

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Freshman/Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]

ENVECON 98 Directed Group Studies (for Lower Division Students) 1 - 3 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2001
Group study (or seminar) of a selected topic or topics in Environmental Economics and Policy.
Directed Group Studies (for Lower Division Students): Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of Instructor

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Studies (for Lower Division Students): Read Less [-]

ENVECON 100 Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017
Covers the basic microeconomic tools for further study of natural resource problems. Theory of consumption, production, theory of the firm, industrial organization, general equilibrium, public goods and externalities. Applications to agriculture and natural resources.
Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: C1 or Economics 1 or C3 and Mathematics 16A or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Environmental Economics 100 after completing Economics 100A, Economics 101A, or Undergraduate Business Administration 110.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Ligon and Rausser

Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources: Read Less [-]
ENVECON C101 Environmental Economics 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Spring 2017, Summer 2016
Environmental Economics: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100, Mathematics 16A-16B, or Economics 100A or 101A

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Zilberman
Also listed as: ECON C125
Environmental Economics: Read Less [-]

ENVECON C102 Natural Resource Economics 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Introduction to the economics of natural resources. Land and the concept of economic rent. Models of optimal depletion of nonrenewable resources and optimal use of renewable resources. Application to energy, forests, fisheries, water, and climate change. Resources, growth, and sustainability.
Natural Resource Economics: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100, or Economics 100A or 100B

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Sunding
Also listed as: ECON C125
Natural Resource Economics: Read Less [-]

ENVECON C115 Modeling and Management of Biological Resources 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
Modeling and Management of Biological Resources: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: A course that includes differential and integral calculus

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 6.5 hours of lecture and 4 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Getz
Also listed as: ESPM C104
Modeling and Management of Biological Resources: Read Less [-]
ENVECON C118 Introductory Applied Econometrics 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Summer 2017 8 Week Session
Formulation of a research hypothesis and definition of an empirical strategy. Regression analysis with cross-sectional and time-series data; econometric methods for the analysis of qualitative information; hypothesis testing. The techniques of statistical and econometric analysis are developed through applications to a set of case studies and real data in the fields of environmental, resource, and international development economics. Students learn the use of a statistical software for economic data analysis.
Introductory Applied Econometrics:  Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Sadoulet
Also listed as: IAS C118
Introductory Applied Econometrics:  Read Less [-]

ENVECON 131 Globalization and the Natural Environment 3 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011
An examination of the environmental effects of globalization. How has increased international trade, the integration of factor markets, and the adoption of international agreements affected the environment? Case studies include the environmental impact of GATT/WTO and NAFTA. Multi-disciplinary approach examines the actual laws and institutions and the economic theories of globalization, in addition to the empirical evidence of globalization's environmental effects.
Globalization and the Natural Environment:  Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Intermediate micro-economic theory or consent of instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Karp
Globalization and the Natural Environment:  Read Less [-]

ENVECON 140AC Economics of Race, Agriculture, and the Environment 3 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Fall 2010
This course examines whether and how economic processes explain shifting formations of race and differential experiences among racial groups in U.S. agricultural and environmental systems. It approaches economic processes as organizing dynamics of racial differentiation and integration, and uses comparative experience among different racial and ethnic groups as sources of evidence against which economic theories of differentiation and integration can be tested.
Economics of Race, Agriculture, and the Environment:  Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 1, or one lower division course in a social science, or consent of instructor
Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Romm
Economics of Race, Agriculture, and the Environment:  Read Less [-]

ENVECON 141 Agricultural and Environmental Policy 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2012
This course considers the formation, implementation, and impact of public policies affecting agriculture and the environment. Economic approaches to public lawmaking, including theories of legislation, interest group activity, and congressional control of bureaucracies. Case studies include water allocation, endangered species protection, water quality, food safety, drainage, wetlands, pesticides, and farmworker safety. Emphasis on examples from California.
Agricultural and Environmental Policy:  Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100 or Economics 100A or 101A
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Agricultural and Environmental Policy:  Read Less [-]
ENVECON 142 Industrial Organization with Applications to Agriculture and Natural Resources 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013
Organization and performance of agricultural and resource markets. Conduct of firms within those markets, such as price competition, product differentiation, predatory pricing, vertical integration, dealer networks and advertising. The role of public policy in the markets. Case studies include oil cartel OPEC, agricultural cooperatives, vertical integration of food processors and franchising of fast-food chains. Discussion sections cover empirical applications of theory presented during lectures for current environmental and agricultural policies.
Industrial Organization with Applications to Agriculture and Natural Resources: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Environmental Economics and Policy 100 or Economics 100A or 101A

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Villas-Boas

ENVECON 143 Economics of Innovation and Intellectual Property 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
This course addresses the economics of research and incentives for innovation including intellectual property rights. Topics include the standard modern economics of invention; modern intellectual property rights; innovation examples from agriculture, energy, pharmaceuticals, software, and electronics; the roles of the public and private sectors; innovation and market structure; the needs of the poor; and global intellectual property negotiations.
Economics of Innovation and Intellectual Property: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100 or Economics 100A or 101A

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Wright

ENVECON 145 Health and Environmental Economic Policy 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
This course introduces students to key issues and findings in the field of health and environmental economics. The first half of the course focuses on the theoretical and statistical frameworks used to analyze instances of market failure in the provision of health and environmental goods. The second half focuses on policy-relevant empirical findings in the field.
Health and Environmental Economic Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Intermediate microeconomics, 100, Economics 100 or 101A, and some statistics

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Anderson

Health and Environmental Economic Policy: Read Less [-]
ENVECON 147 Regulation of Energy and the Environment 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015
This is an applied economics course on government regulation of energy with an emphasis on policies that seek to mitigate the impact of energy production and consumption on the environment. The course is designed to help students make connections between economic concepts and real world regulatory policy questions and issues.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Intermediate microeconomic theory and calculus

ENVECON 151 Economic Development 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
Problems of underdevelopment and poverty, policy issues, and development strategy.
Economic Development: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100, Economics 100A or 101A

ENVECON 152 Advanced Topics in Development and International Trade 3 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
This course discusses recent efforts to understand behavior and institutions in village economies, with particular attention paid to the importance of risk. Economic analysis of savings, consumption, insurance, production, trade, welfare distribution and institutions of villages in developing countries. Roughly equal parts of theory, evidence, and policy.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100 or Economics 100A

ENVECON 153 Population, Environment, and Development 3 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2013
This course takes an interdisciplinary approach to the complex interactions between population, environmental change, and economic development, including the leading theories for understanding these interactions. The origins and history of current debates are discussed as well as some of the major issues stemming from these debates, such as immigration, international trade, family planning policies and concerns over the global commons. Specific natural resources and services like fresh water, food supply, and forest cover are analyzed as case studies. Policy options for sustainable development are discussed.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Intermediate microeconomic theory or consent of instructor
ENVECON 154 Economics of Poverty and Technology 3 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2012
Introduction to the economic framework underlying the use of technology to address rural poverty in developing countries. Analyzes the path of technology development from innovation and design to the adoption and use of technology in rural economies. Focuses on technologies related to agricultural production, processing, market access, value chains, and climate change.
Economics of Poverty and Technology: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Intermediate microeconomics
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Boettiger
Economics of Poverty and Technology: Read Less [-]

ENVECON 161 Advanced Topics in Environmental and Resource Economics 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011
The roots of environmental and resource economics. Theories of land and resource rent. Models of optimal use of renewable and nonrenewable resources with applications to energy and timber. Balancing environmental and extractive values. Resources, growth, and sustainability. Special topic: the problem of global climate change.
Advanced Topics in Environmental and Resource Economics: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100 or Economics 100A or 101A; 101 recommended
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Advanced Topics in Environmental and Resource Economics: Read Less [-]

ENVECON 162 Economics of Water Resources 3 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Urban demand for water; water supply and economic growth; water utility economics; irrigation demand; large water projects; economic impacts of surface water law and institutions; economics of salinity and drainage; economics of groundwater management.
Economics of Water Resources: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100 or Economics 100A or 101A; 101 recommended
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Economics of Water Resources: Read Less [-]

ENVECON C175 The Economics of Climate Change 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
The course will start with a brief introduction and evaluation of the scientific aspects behind climate change. Economic models will be developed to analyze the impacts of climate change and provide and critique existing and proposed policy tools. Specific topics studied are impacts on water resources and agriculture, economic evaluation of impacts, optimal control of greenhouse gases, benefit cost analysis, international treaty formation, discounting, uncertainty, irreversibility, and extreme events.
The Economics of Climate Change: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 106, 107, Economics 1, or equivalent
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructors: Aufhammer, Fisher
Also listed as: IAS C175
The Economics of Climate Change: Read Less [-]
ENVECON C176 Climate Change Economics 4 Units  
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics  
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016  
This course is a self-contained introduction to the economics of climate change. Climate change is caused by a large variety of economic activities, and many of its impacts will have economic consequences. Economists have studied climate change for more than two decades, and economic arguments are often powerful in policy decisions. The course will familiarize students with these arguments and equip them with the tools to participate in discussions of climate change policy through an economic lens.  
Climate Change Economics: Read More [+]

Objectives Outcomes  
Course Objectives: The course will start with a brief review of the science of climate change, discuss scenarios of economic growth and the greenhouse gas emissions caused by economic activities and investigate various emission reduction opportunities and their economic costs. A significant amount of time will be spent on studying the impacts of climate change, their economic evaluation and how adaptation can lower the costs of climate damages.  
We will then study various theoretical frameworks economists have developed that answer the question how estimates about the costs and benefits of climate policy can be combined to find “good” climate policies. We then study three more specialized topics that turn out to be of great importance when analyzing climate change policy: first, how do we compare costs and benefits of generations that live many centuries apart? Second, how do we design climate policy when our projections of both the costs and the benefits of climate policy are highly uncertain? And third, how can equity considerations be accounted for in an economic assessment of climate change policy? The course will close with a look at international cooperation on climate policy and why it has been so difficult to agree on effective treaties that implement climate change policy.  
Student Learning Outcomes: Students will also have gained insight into the practical aspects of modeling the economics of climate change by building a simple integrated assessment model in Excel. They will be able to use that model to do simple analysis of climate change policy themselves. Students will be familiar with the tools economists use to analyze climate change policy. They will have studied empirical estimates of the costs and benefits of climate policy and have an understanding of the analytical issues that drive research on the economics of climate change.  

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week  
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 4 hours of laboratory per week  

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ENVECON C183 Forest Ecosystem Management 4 Units  
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics  
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014  
Introduces students to concepts and quantitative tools needed for the sustainable management of multi-use forest ecosystems. Topics covered include: estimation of ecological, economic, and social values; construction of dynamic forest models, methods for optimal decision-making, and development of forest management plans. Application to current issues in temperate and tropical forest management are discussed. Quantitative, analytical, and communication skills are emphasized. Oral presentation required.  
Forest Ecosystem Management: Read More [+]

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week  

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/ Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Potts  
Also listed as: ESPM C183  
Forest Ecosystem Management: Read Less [-]
ENVECON 195 Senior Thesis 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016
Writing of a thesis under the direction of member(s) of the faculty. Subject must be approved by faculty sponsor.
Senior Thesis: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Senior standing in Environmental Economics and Policy and consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Senior Thesis: Read Less [-]

ENVECON 196 Senior Research Seminar 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2011
This course is intended as a capstone experience for undergraduates in the major coordinated by one faculty member with participation by others. Following presentations by faculty on researchable topics in their areas of expertise, students will develop ideas for a research paper and discuss in subsequent seminar sessions. Approximately the last five weeks of the semester will be devoted to student presentations of papers either already completed or in progress, and discussion by seminar participants and faculty.
Senior Research Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Student must be a senior with at least a 3.6 GPA in the Environmental Economics and Policy major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Instructor: Fisher

Senior Research Seminar: Read Less [-]

ENVECON H196 Honors Research 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015
Supervised independent honors research specific to aspects of environmental economics and policy, followed by a oral presentation and a written report.
Honors Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing. Eligibility restrictions related to GPA and unit accumulation. Open only to Environmental Economics and Policy majors in the College of Natural Resources
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Honors Research: Read Less [-]

ENVECON 197 Field Study in Environmental Economics and Policy 1 - 3 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Spring 2016
Supervised experience in off-campus organizations relevant to specific aspects of environmental economics and policy. Regular individual meetings with faculty sponsor and written reports required.
Field Study in Environmental Economics and Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 1-3 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Field Study in Environmental Economics and Policy: Read Less [-]
ENVECON 198 Directed Group Studies for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 3 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Group study of selected topic or topics in Environmental Economics and Policy.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-5.5 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]

ENVECON 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units
Offered through: Agricultural and Resource Economics
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016
Enrollment restrictions apply. Open to qualified upper division students wishing to pursue special study and directed research under the direction of a member of the staff.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Environmental Economics and Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]