

Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics
ABI Z 3550 Environmental Policy

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OBJECTIVES

1. To acquaint students with the development of and enactment of environmental policy in Canada and the policy process.
2. To show students how economics and other tools can be used to evaluate environmental policies.
3. Introduce students to important aspects of environmental policy, e.g., risk management, irreversibility, sustainability, etc.

BASIC TEXTS FOR THE COURSE

Recommended

Tietenberg, T., E. Wilman, P. Tracey. 2009. *Environmental Economics and Policy*. Pearson, Addison Wesley: Toronto, Canada. Canadian Edition.

Other Readings

- a. Trebilcock, M. J. *Dealing with Losers: The Political Economy of Policy Transitions*. 2014. Oxford University Press. New York
- b. Notes as available on UMLearn.

GRADING

A. Distribution

2 Ministerial Briefing Papers (2 pages) @ 15% each	30%
1 Case Presentations in Class	30%
3 Questions Based on Others Presentations Each Period	10%
Report on Environmental Issue (5 pages)	30%

A student caught plagiarizing or cheating will be subject to the regulations of the *University of Manitoba*

http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/cheating_plagiarism_fraud.html

Written Assignments

1. The written papers will be due at 11:59 p.m. on dates to be mutually determined
2. Late papers will receive 0 marks
3. The papers will be graded on two criteria
 - a. Content
 - b. English usage
4. All papers submitted must be on 8.5 × 11 inch paper with 1 inch margins all round and 11 point type face. All must be submitted electronically through UMLearn

Summary Course Outline

- A. Review of Theory, Policy Criteria and Policy, Population
- B. Irreversability
- C. Sustainable development
- D. Environmental policy in Canada
- E. Structuring a policy study
- F. Case Studies from Manitoba, Canada, and the World
 1. First case study by instructor
 2. Each student presents two case studies in class followed by seminar like discussion
- G. Group policy analysis

Student Code of Conduct
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1. No hats in class
2. No talking when the instructor or a presenter is talking
3. Eating is allowed as long as it does not interfere with the instructor or with the ability of other students to enjoy the course
4. Cell phones must be turned off during class