

Econ 2190

Economics of Sustainability

- Do you have concerns relating to environmental management and degradation? Do you wonder why individual decisions can lead to collective problems of resource depletion, climate change, biodiversity loss, and habitat loss? This course will examine how economists view environmental issues, potential solutions that influence human behavior, and the institutional challenges that arise during implementation.
- The course explores how environmental economists seek to remedy “market failures” while exploring questions related to “fairness” in the distribution of income, goods, and services.
- It also assesses similar problems from the position of an ecological economist to compare and contrast solutions with environmental economists.
- It concludes by reviewing sustainable indicators and development policies, including concepts of green accounting.
- It uses real world examples of successes and failures of the application of corrective policies.
- Major topics discussed will include pollution, land management, resource management, recycling, sustainability measurements, and the “greening” of national accounts.



Who should take this course?

- **WES Level 2/Science and Technology**
- **WES Planetary Sustainability**
- **Counts toward Economics minor**

**Prerequisites & Corequisites:

None



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