Econ 6306: Environmental Economics

Course Outline

Purpose: The objectives of this course are to provide students with:

- an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the economic approach to environmental management;
- a knowledge of how to undertake an economic appraisal of projects with environmental impacts;
- an understanding of the economic arguments of the relative merits of alternative instruments for the control of environmental degradation.

Possible Lecturers: Regina Betz, Tony Owen

Classes: There will be 12 lectures, each of 2 hours duration, followed by a one-hour tutorial.

Assignments: The assignments will take the form of extended essays that critically evaluate two papers of contemporary significance in the field of environmental economics.

Assessment: The course mark will be calculated with 40% weight for the assignments and 60% weight for the final examination.

Textbook: The core text for this subject is:
A supplementary text will be:

Lecture notes and reference material will be provided at lectures, as appropriate.