

REVISED SYLLABUS
COURSE DESCRIPTION
SPRING 2009

RECO 100 Society and the Value of Nature
Tuesday-Thursday 4:00 - 5:15

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Text: Microeconomics by McConnell, Brue and Flynn (18th Edition) (some sections)

An ebook is being prepared by McGraw/Hill that will cost \$45 instead of \$120 for the entire textbook.

Final: 4:30-6:30 May 7th

Course Objective: This course is designed to teach basic microeconomic principles and apply them social choices and economic valuation of the natural world.

Speed: This class will move very quickly. It is very important to keep up, the material builds throughout the semester and you can't easily miss a chapter and then pick up the next lecture. If you get behind catchup as quickly as possible.

Examinations: There will be two midterms and a final. The final examination is comprehensive.

Writing assignments: There will be two written assignments. The assignments will be short essays on a contemporary policy topic of your choosing. They may be no more than two pages, double spaced with 12 point font. These are tough to write! You will need to truly understand what you are doing to write it two pages. Do not underestimate the effort it will take the first time you attempt this assignment.

Grading: You are not competing against your fellow students, everyone could get an A in this class. The written assignments are worth 15% each, The midterm is 20% of the grade and the final is 50%.

Revised Course Outline by week

Mar31 Chapter 10, 11
Apr 2 Problem session ***Second examination April 9***

Apr 7 Chapter 15, problem session
Apr 14 Chapter 16, problem session
Apr 21 Chapter 17, problem session *second written assignment due April 23*
Apr 28 Chapter 19, problem session,
May 5 Review and Final Prep
May 6 Prep Day

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Student conduct: We follow the UNR Student Handbook rules on academic standards and dishonesty procedures: <http://www.unr.edu/stsv/acdispol.html>.

Disabilities: Any student with a disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to contact the Disability Resource Center (Thompson Building Suite 101) at the University of Nevada, Reno, as soon as possible to be arranging for the appropriate accommodations