ECON 3545: Environmental Economics

Course grades will be determined by the completion of assignments, exams, and discussions, as shown below:

Assignment					
Paper	200	1	200	20%	
Discussions (post + response)*	20	9*	140	14%	
Exercises*	20	10*	160	16%	
Quizzes*	20	7*	100	10%	
Proctored Midterm Exam	150	1	150	15%	
Proctored Cumulative Final Exam	250	1	250	25%	

## TOTAL

= 1000

Keep a copy of all work created for the course, including work submitted through Canvas.

\*The lowest two grades of these assignments will be dropped. See below.

93-100	930 1000	Excellent
90-92.99	900 929	
87-89.99	870 899	
83-86.99	830 869	Above Average
80-82.99	800 829	
77-79.99	770 799	
73-77.99	730 769	Average
70-72.99	700 729	
67-69.99	670 699	
63-67.99	630 669	Below Average

# Course Grading Criteria

#### ASSIGNMENTS

(200 POINTS) – There will be one individual written writing assignment. This assignment will be 3 pages in length (2 pages of content and 1 page of resources), single spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, 1" margins. This writing assignment as well as preliminary one-page proposal will be submitted through Canvas.

The paper should relate to an environmental policy issue and must answer: How can economics inform public policy related to this issue? This is a document that could be handed to policymakers that educates them about an issue and argues for a policy position.

There will be a one on one meeting with the professor during the course. Students must submit a onepage proposal before the meeting. This proposal will be worth some portion of your paper grade. If you do not submit a proposal or are significantly unprepared for the meeting, you will lose these points.

The evaluation of the assignment will be based in part on the following criteria:

- a) The ability to convey an argument clearly and coherently.
- b) The ability to use and synthesize the course material.
- c) The ability to acquire and apply information from appropriate sources.
- d) Competence in standard written English (including proper use of syntax, grammar, punctuation and spelling as well as use of appropriate vocabulary, formatting, and references).

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Your paper will be submitted to Turnitin.com to check for plagiarism. Even a low amount of plagiarism will result in you seeing your assignment grade significantly lowered. If you have a significant amount of plagiarism, you will receive a zero for the course and your name will be submitted to the University Honor Council for review, which could result in heavy punishment.

Plagiarism is defined as the use of another's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgment. Examples of plagiarism include: failing to use quotation marks when directly quoting from a source; failing to document distinctive ideas from a source; fabricating or inventing sources; and copying information from computer-based sources, i.e., the Internet. *For more information, please use the link provided on Canvas.* 

(160 POINTS) - There will be a 20-point discussion posting associated with most

modules.

The discussion will occur asynchronously; I will post a discussion question and you will respond to the questions at your convenience prior to the due date. Discussions are open book and open note and will be submitted through Canvas. See the class schedule for due dates of posts and comments.

Your two lowest discussion posting grades will be dropped from your final grade calculation.

(140 POINTS) - There will be a 20-point exercise associated with most modules. Exercises will consist of longer, quantitative questions where you will complete questions while showing your work. Problem sets will be accessed through Canvas. Though some assignments will be done completely through Canvas, for others you may have to scan your completed problem set in order to submit the problem set on Canvas.

Your two lowest exercise grades will be dropped from your final grade calculation.

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- 3. Never use all caps. This is the equivalent of yelling in the online world. It is not fun to read. Only use capital letters when appropriate.
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bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from all course instructors involved, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code (

Module (start date)	Topic and Resources	Graded Assignments	Due Date by 11:59pm MST/MDT
1 (6/01)		Quiz module 1 Discussion posting module	

15 (7/20)		Discussion posting module 15 Quiz module 15 Discussion comment module 15	Tuesday 7/21 Tuesday 7/21 Wednesday 7/22
16 (7/23)	You may take the PROCTORED cumulative final exam the day of your choosing Thursday through Sunday.	Proctored Final Exam	Thursday 7/23 – Sunday 7/26