

ECON 136: Working with Economic Data: Valuing the Environment Course Outline

I. Measurement in Economics

Week	Date	
1	1/22	Snow Day
	1/24	On Quantitative Reasoning
2	1/27	Community Profiles: Counting what we can Measure
	1/29	National Income Accounts
	1/31	Non-360 Activity 1
3	2/3	Snow Day II
	2/3	Due Monday night: Profiling Your Community Assignment
	2/5	Environmental Services
	2/7	Revising GDP

II. Market Outcomes

Week	Date	
4	2/10	Choice & Opportunity Cost
	2/12	Trade & Equilibrium
	2/14	Non-360 Activity 2
5	2/17	Catch Up Day -- Diagrams and the Economic Way of Thinking
	2/19	Demand and Surplus
	2/19	Due Wednesday night: Incorporating a Graph Assignment
	2/21	Supply Profit and Rent
6	2/24	Taxing Market Outcomes
	2/26	Midterm Review
	2/28	Take-Home Midterm due in Dalton 114 by 9am
	2/28	Non-360 Activity 3

III. Market Failures

Week	Date	
7	3/3	Externalities
	3/3	Due Monday night: Explaining a Price Assignment
	3/5	Public Goods
	3/7	Government Responses to Externalities

Spring Vacation
3/8-3/17

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| 8 | 3/17 | Solving Externality and Public Goods Problems |
| | 3/19 | Cost Benefit Analysis |
| | 3/21 | Non-360 Activity 4 |
| 9 | 3/24 | Valuing Amenities |
| | 3/26 | Valuing life |
| 10 | 3/31 | Valuing Public Art |
| | 3/31 | Due Monday night: Externalities assignment |

IV. Intertemporal Choice

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| 10 | 4/2 | Discounting & Present Value |
| | 4/4 | Investment |
| 11 | 4/7 | Endowment and Perpetual Care |
| | 4/9 | Cost Benefit II |
| | 4/11 | Non-360 Activity 5 |
| 12 | 4/14 | Review |
| | 4/16 | Midterm 2 |
| | 4/18 | Flavors of Sustainability |
| 13 | 4/21 | Precautionary Principle |
| | 4/21 | Due Monday night: Cost Benefit Assignment |
| | 4/23 | Climate Change |
| | 4/25 | Individual Meetings – as needed |
| 14 | 4/28 | On Data and Persuasion |
| | 4/30 | Final Memo Prep |
| | 5/2 | Non-360 Activity 6 |
| Exam Week | | Timed Final Memo |