ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS (EREC)

The Environmental and Resource Economics program offers training in areas that include public resource policy, resource management, natural resource and environmental economics, and community economics and finance. The curriculum emphasizes applied economics in the context of public policy. Training is also available in agricultural economics, including agribusiness, small business management, food marketing, agricultural policy, and world food supplies.

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Programs


Courses

Environmental & Resource Economics (EREC)

EREC 411 - Environmental and Resource Economics Perspectives
Credits: 4
Microeconomic theory and analysis in resource management and use decisions. Survey of significant resource problems from an economic perspective and the application of economic analysis. Repeat rules apply with ECN 412, ECON 402, ECON 402A, and ECON 402H.
Attributes: Social Science (Discovery)

EREC 444 - The New Pirates of the Caribbean
Credits: 4
Inquiry into many facets of tourism from the standpoint of tourists and tour destination. Economic and institutional factors affecting human well-being from the use of land and water resources; discussions of distributonal aspects of benefits from tourism activities; environmental impacts; ownership patterns and uses; cultural attributes; and local economies in small Caribbean island nations. Cruise ships, time-shares, all-inclusive resorts, hurricanes, casinos, bars, rum, sex, and drugs are investigated through extensive readings and web surfing. Writing intensive.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery); Inquiry (Discovery); Writing Intensive Course

EREC 525 - Statistical Methods and Applications
Credits: 4
Applications of elementary statistical concepts and methods including probability, descriptive techniques, statistical inference and bivariate and multivariate statistical analysis. Orientation is toward analysis and interpretation of data commonly encountered in social science disciplines. No credit for students who have completed ADM 430; BIOL 528; ADMN 420; HHS #540; MATH 439; MATH 539; MATH 644; PSYC 402; SOC 502.
Attributes: Quantitative Reasoning(Disc)

EREC 535 - Being a Locavore
Credits: 4
Explores the growth of the Locavore movement in the United States, starting with the evolution of the mainstream agricultural system. Topics such as the Agricultural Adjustment Act, farm subsidies, the development of mono-culture large scale farms, as well as the Magnusen-Stevens Act and the current state of fisheries. Ethical, economic, and social phenomenon will be discussed, followed by nutrition, and environmental impacts. Students will keep a food journal, which will be used as a basis to source, budget, and plan for years of eating local food. The class concludes with an investigation into the growing trend of local farmers’ markets, CSAs, and on farm sales. How and why more and more people are going local and perhaps becoming "Locavores".
Attributes: Social Science (Discovery)

EREC 572 - Introduction to Natural Resource Economics
Credits: 4
Introduces theory, methods of analysis, and current literature of natural resource economics and policy. Topics include multiple use, taxation, optimal harvest scheduling, market failure, property rights, public goods, benefit-cost analysis, amenity values, non-market resource services and natural resource policy. Topics applied to forests and forestry, wildlife management, outdoor recreation, public lands, agriculture, fisheries, water, energy and mining/nonrenewable resources.

EREC 595 - Problems in Natural and Agricultural Resources
Credits: 2-4
Students pursue field, laboratory, or library problems in natural and environmental resources that are not covered by other courses. Faculty consultant and study topic must be chosen before registration. In consultation with the faculty adviser, students select the problem area, create a bibliography for reflection, and pursue the topic. A professionally written paper is expected at termination of the study. May be repeated once for credit. Prereq: permission.

EREC 595W - Problems in Natural and Agricultural Resources
Credits: 2-4
Students pursue field, laboratory, or library problems in natural and environmental resources that are not covered by other courses. Faculty consultant and study topic must be chosen before registration. In consultation with the faculty adviser, students select the problem area, create a bibliography for reflection, and pursue the topic. A professionally written paper is expected at termination of the study. May be repeated once for credit. Prereq: permission. Writing intensive.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
ECON 401 or their equivalents or permission. Does not count toward aid in policy decisions regarding natural resources. Prereq: EREC 411, Students completing this course will gain an overview of key issues to stimulate discussion. Class participation is encouraged and expected. Development. Where possible, guest lecturers from other disciplines will be included, and topics covered will include benefit cost analysis, valuation of "nonmarket" goods, policy tools which have economic bases, and sustainable development. This course will examine different aspects of natural resource allocation and protection of environmental quality from an economic standpoint. The course will examine the economic factors which lead to environmental problems such as air and water pollution, the common property problem, and other areas where existing markets do a less than satisfactory job of resource allocation. Economic incentives for alleviating these environmental problems will also be surveyed. Specific topics covered will include benefit cost analysis, valuation of "nonmarket" goods, policy tools which have economic bases, and sustainable development. Where possible, guest lecturers from other disciplines and selected films will be used to present alternative viewpoints and stimulate discussion. Class participation is encouraged and expected. Students completing this course will gain an overview of key issues in environmental economics, and how economics can be used as an aid in policy decisions regarding natural resources. Prereq: EREC 411, ECON 401 or their equivalents or permission. Does not count toward major requirements for EREC electives.
EREC 795 - Investigations
Credits: 2-4
Special assignments in readings, investigations, or field problems. Topics may include agricultural marketing, agricultural production and farm management, community development, economics of human resources, economics of population and food, land economics, marine economics, rural economic development, regional economics, water economics, or teaching experience. Prereq: permission. May be repeated.

EREC 795W - Investigations
Credits: 2-4
Special assignments in readings, investigations, or field problems. Topics may include agricultural marketing, agricultural production and farm management, community development, economics of human resources, economics of population and food, land economics, marine economics, rural economic development, regional economics, water economics, or teaching experience. Prereq: permission. May be repeated. Writing intensive.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

EREC 799 - Honors Senior Thesis
Credits: 1-4
Honor/thesis students conduct an independent research project, relevant to the student's area of specialization in the major, under the direction of a faculty sponsor. Students submit a research proposal, write a final report, and provide an oral presentation. One or two semester sequence. Restricted to Senior/Natural Resource Majors. Permission required. Writing intensive.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

Faculty

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