

ECON 0321-501: Natural Resource Economics

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This course will help you develop a new understanding of the complex relationships between environmental systems and the economic systems that rely on them, using a tool known as "Systems Thinking".

In this course we will investigate and evaluate current policies created to manage the allocation of natural resources, including: energy, water, land, agriculture, forests, fisheries, wildlife, and climate.

The course assessment will include short quizzes for each thematic topic as well as a "semester"- long research paper. For the research paper, you will identify a natural resource management issue, explain the relevant economic theory about allocation problems associated with this resource, report on existing policies, and propose a change to policy with the goal of improving outcomes for the environment and society.

