

SEMINAR: ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY

API-905y/Econ 3116

Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

Nature of the Course:

This is a year-long research seminar on topics in environmental and natural resource economics. It meets on Wednesdays from 4:15 PM to 5:30 PM. Seminars emphasize theoretical models, quantitative empirical analysis, and public policy applications, featuring presentations by invited speakers. In addition to students, faculty from the area typically participate in the sessions. Auditors are welcome. There will be a brief information session for students who may wish to enroll on Wednesday, September 4th, in Room L-382 of the Harvard Kennedy School at 79 JFK Street, Cambridge. The first meeting of seminar in the fall semester will be on Wednesday, September 18th.

Course Requirements:

Registered students must enroll for the full year of the seminar and attend all sessions. They prepare a research paper, an outline of which is due at the conclusion of the fall semester. Papers are due at the conclusion of the spring semester, and should be at the level of the seminar, i.e. graduate-level economics. In addition, students prepare brief (two-page) essays related to each seminar presentation and discussion throughout the year. Required reading consists of papers presented at each session.

Prerequisites:

The course is intended primarily for Ph.D. students in economics, political economy and government, public policy, health policy, and related fields with interests in applications in the environmental and natural resource area. Prerequisites include Ph.D.-level course work in microeconomic theory, such as Economics 2010A/B, Economics 2020A/B (cross-listed as Kennedy School API-111/112), and API-109i/110i.

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