

## **Economics 343: Environmental Economics**

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### **General Information**

Discussions: 301 R 3:30-4:20 at 10 Agr. Hall.  
302 F 12:05-12:55 at 38 Agr. Hall.  
303 F 1:20-2:10 at 38 Agr. Hall.  
304 F 9:55-10:45 at 119 Babcock.  
305 R 2:25-3:15 at 121 Babcock.

Office hours (TA): F 10:55-11:55 (for regular weeks, four hours during exam weeks).

TA website: <https://mywebspace.wisc.edu/lmoscosoboe/web/teaching.htm>

### **The sections**

#### **Structure:**

I will return the graded homeworks of the week in each section. The plan is to discuss mistakes from that homework during the first twenty minutes. After that, I will solve some exercises related (but not exactly equal) to next week homework. The idea is to do the ones I believe are more difficult for you to solve.

My plan is to have "on demand" discussions: you will tell me what to do. I will also expect you to participate and discuss with your classmates and me.

#### **Which one to attend?**

I expect most students to attend the sections where they are enrolled. If you have any problem attending that discussion, I have no problem letting you change. I need you to state in your homeworks both the section where you are enrolled and the one you plan to attend. I will not take attendance: I expect you to be interested in the class if you attend (that means, it doesn't make sense to attend the discussion and read the newspaper).

## Homeworks

You will have to hand in all homeworks in Tuesday's lecture (or in David's office). **I won't receive any homeworks..** In each of them, you will be trying to analyze some article on environmental issues in economic terms. The idea is that this will help you prepare for the exam and give you a better understanding of the topics covered by David. The lowest graded homework will not be taken into account for the grade.

The homework's answer key will be posted in the course website ([www.aae.wisc.edu/lewis/343](http://www.aae.wisc.edu/lewis/343))

**Please include in your homework the section where you are enrolled and also the section you plan to attend that week.** If you don't include that information, I won't be able to return your homework.

## Grading system

5% out of 20% is based on your handing in the **required exercises and including your section number (both the one where you are enrolled and the one you plan to attend, in case those are not the same)**. This is important: you need only to hand in your solutions, it does not matter if they are right or not. I want you to try to work although you do not get the right answer.

The rest (15% out of 20%) is based on the way you solved the assigned exercises.. If the exercises are pretty good you will get a 2 (full grade) and 1 if there are some mistakes, 0 if everything is completely wrong (it's very difficult to get a zero!).

## Communication

You can communicate with me in the following ways:

- ❖ Come to see me in my office hours. I will be always there ready to answer questions. I will have more time of office hours during exams week (usually four hours).
- ❖ **E-mail me:** I will answer e-mails every **weekday after 8:00 pm**. This means that you have to send me an e-mail before that time to make sure you will get a same-day-response. My e-mail is [lmoscosoboe@wisc.edu](mailto:lmoscosoboe@wisc.edu).

**Some advice**

Try to follow the class and do the exercises: it is the best way to study for the exams. Usually people think that they can get everything just right before the exam. That is not true. It is much better to spend 2 hours per day during 4 weeks rather than a whole week altogether.

Feel free to make suggestions. Teaching is based on feedback so if I do not know what you need I do not know how to improve my teaching.

E-mail me. It is the best way of getting personal feedback from me.