

University of International Business and Economics
International Undergraduate Programs

Environmental Protection in China

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Thursday

13: 30-16: 00

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I. Course Description

This course focuses on the relation between environmental quality and the economic behavior of individuals and business organizations and the efforts human beings have made to stop degradation of the natural environment.

The course explores how serious the environmental problems are in the world with more emphases on the issues China is facing and the economic policies and activities that have induced the environment degradation. It also examines the rough route the international community has taken to work out agreements to stop the Earth from deteriorating and the key issues that have kept countries from reaching the agreements.

This course includes a number of field trips to get the first-hand experiences on the issue.

II. Course Goals and Outcomes

1. Course Goals:

This course is intended to

- Introduce the concept of environmental economics
- Focus on the efforts the international community has made to enhance environmental protection measures.
- To learn about the forefathers who drew people's attention to the environmental issues
- Explore the environmental problems China is facing
- Understand countries' different stand on their responsibilities for environmental protection issues

2 Learning Outcomes

Through the course students are expected to know the concept of environmental economics, realize the importance and urgency of protecting the environment human beings are living in, and start to do something to protect the environment. By the end of the semester, they should be able to:

- Realize deterioration of the environment and the urgency of stopping damaging it
- Know about the international institutions that are working out uniformed policies that all countries could pursue and their achievements
- Appreciate different viewpoints that countries have towards their responsibility for reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Be an activist in the environmental protection movement

3 Ways to Meet the Goals

Students are supposed to

- Read handouts, newspapers, and magazines
- Follow the latest development in the related issues in China and in the world
- Bring the issues interested to class for discussion
- Do research and present in class
- Write a term paper focusing on one of the issues discussed in the course.

III. Format and Class Policies.

The course includes lectures, discussions on latest issues, and a lecture by a guest speaker. Students should attend class meetings, get involved in discussions, listen to peer students' arguments and respect different viewpoints.

The students' performance is evaluated by their attendance, involvement in class discussion, the quality of the presentation, and the term paper.

IV. Course Texts

- a) Handouts (To be retrieved from uibetrade@gmail.com each week. Password: uibeinternational)
- b) Principles of Environmental Economics

- c) Wolf Totem
- d) China Daily, The Economist, The Financial Times, The Wall Street Journal

V. Course Requirements and Grading Procedure.

The students' performance is evaluated by their attendance, involvement in class discussion, the quality of the presentation and the term paper. The final grade is based on the calculation of the results of the presentation and the paper and their attendance, in which the paper accounts for 30%, presentation 30%, class discussion 30%, and attendance 10%.

Grading Scale

The work of students is evaluated and reported in terms of the following scoring scale:

A=92-100	A-=89-91	B+= 85-88	B=81-84	B-=77-80;
C+= 73-76	C=70-72	C-= 60-69	F=failure (below 60)	

VI. Academic Integrity

Students are responsible for knowing policy regarding academic honesty.

The University expects students to be honest in their academic work. Academic dishonesty is viewed as a serious violation of university rules and such misconduct is not accepted by academic community. In particular, students must refrain from plagiarism, cheating and collusion in connection with examinations, submitting substantially the same piece of work to different classes and must fully acknowledge all the sources of ideas and all assistance received in work submitted to the instructor for evaluation. Violation of the rules of academic honesty may lead to suspension or disqualification of the student from further study at the University.

VII. Weekly Work Schedule

The following is the teaching plan:

Week One:	Introduction
Week Two:	Forefathers of the environmental protection
Week Three:	Environmental economics (I)
Week Four:	Guest speaker & tour of UIBE campus
Week Five:	Pollution & greenhouse effect
Week Six:	Pollution & environmental protection in China (I)
Week Seven:	Pollution & environmental protection in China (II)
Week Eight:	Environmental protection and globalization
Week Nine:	International institutions
Week Ten:	Field trip
Week Eleven:	Environmental protection laws
Week Twelve:	Environmental ethics
Week Thirteen:	Final presentations