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VICTORIA
UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

School of Economics and Finance

MMPE522
The Economics of Natural Disasters and Climate Change

Trimester 1, 2016

COURSE OUTLINE

Prescription
The impact of natural disasters on the economy, including an evaluation of prevention and mitigation policy and an appraisal of post-disaster interventions and their efficacy. The course discusses the scientific implications of climate change for natural disasters, and investigates the economics of climate change related to impacts, mitigation, and adaptation.

Course Learning Objectives
1. Distinguish between different types and timeframes of impact;
2. Analyse how disasters impact on different facets of the economy;
3. Evaluate ex ante prevention, ex post intervention, policies and their cost-benefit;
4. Discuss the scientific implications of the climate on natural disasters;
5. Investigate the economics of climate change in terms of impacts, mitigation and adaptation.

Course Content
The lecture schedule and content will be posted on Blackboard as the course proceeds.

Trimester Dates
Teaching Period: Monday 29th February – Friday 3rd June
Study Period: Monday 6th June – Thursday 9th June
Examination Period: Friday 10th June – Wednesday 29th June (inclusive)

Withdrawal from Course
1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before Friday 11th March 2016.
2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 13th of May 2016. After this date, students forced to withdraw by circumstances beyond their control must apply for permission on an '*Application for Associate Dean's Permission to Withdraw Late*' including supporting documentation. The application form is available from either of the Faculty's Student Customer Service Desks or online.

Names and Contact Details

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Class Times and Room Numbers

Tuesday   9.30am – 12.20pm   GB117   Government Building

Course Delivery

It is essential that you have access to Blackboard, and check it frequently as new information, content and readings is posted.

Readings

There is no required textbook for the course. Assigned readings will be posted on Blackboard. You are expected to read the assigned readings in advance of the relevant block.

Mandatory course requirements

There are no mandatory requirements for this course.
If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to
www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

Expected Workload

Total number of hours of work expected from students is around 200.

Assessment

The Assessment Handbook will apply to all VUW courses: see
http://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf.

Assessment for this course:
1.   Assignment 1   (due date: March 15th)   20%
2.   Assignment 2   (due date: May 17th)   20%
3.   Test 1   (date: April 12th)   30%
4.   Test 2   (date: June 2nd)   30%

Penalties

I expect that students will attend all classes and participate in class discussions. Students who miss more than two classes unexcused will have their attendance/participation grade marked down by 2 percentage points (of final grade) for each additional class missed. For late submission of assignments/tests you will be marked down 10 percentage points for this assignment's mark for every day of delay (unless the delay was pre-approved). I will not accept anything with an unexcused delay of more than 4 days.

Group Work

There is no group work for this course.

Use of Turnitin
Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine http://www.turnitin.com. Turnitin is an on-line plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and submitted to Turnitin. A copy of submitted materials will be retained on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

Student feedback
Student feedback on University courses may be found at
www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Class Representative
A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details made available to VUWSA, the course coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the course coordinator on behalf of students.

Communication of Additional Information
Lecturers will contact you via email through the blackboard system. It is your responsibility to make sure you receive these emails via an up-to-date email address. If you need to contact the course lecturers, please do it by email.

Link to general information
For general information about course-related matters, go to
http://www.victoria.ac.nz/vbs/studenthelp/general-course-information

Note to Students
Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and academic audit. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of VBS programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.

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