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Econ 360
Syllabus

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Required Texts:

1. *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, by Adam Smith.
2. *Global Challenges: An Approach to Environmental, Political, and Economic Problems*, by Todd Sandler.
3. *Asking the Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking*, by M. Neil Brown and Stuart M. Keeley.
4. *The Wilderness World of John Muir*, by John Muir and Edwin Way Teale (Editor).
5. *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, by James Rachels.
6. *African Game Trails*, by Theodore Roosevelt.

Introduction: This course is an introduction to environmental policy. We shall investigate many of the political, legal, and economic underpinnings of different societies and how they impact environmental objectives. Our investigation will be framed by the formal tools of logic and a disciplined approach to critical thinking.

What to Expect: This class will require an EXTENSIVE amount of reading and internet use. You will be expected to speak frequently in class and post regularly on the class message board. The model for this class is a first-year law class, emphasizing the Socratic method. Be prepared to articulate your opinions, and be prepared to have your opinions scrutinized.

Evaluation: Your grade will be determined in the following way:

1. Four randomly timed quizzes worth 40% of your grade.
2. Participation in class and message board worth 30% of your grade.
3. A final group project worth 30% of your grade.

I will assign grades according to the following distribution:

A: 92 - 100
AB: 88 - 92
B: 80 - 88
BC: 76 - 80
C: 68 - 76
CD: 64 - 68
D: 56 - 64
F: 0 - 56

If, by chance, your grade percentage lands on the bound of a grade interval, you will receive the higher grade.