

ECONOMICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE: BUSINESS RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an introduction into management strategies to respond to global climate change. Special attention is given to newly emerging businesses and innovation-oriented strategies of business conduct.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Understanding business opportunities and risks in a changing climate.

CONTENT:

- Climate Change Economics and Politics
- Harnessing market forces to protect the climate: International/EU-Emissions Trading and the Clean Development Mechanism
- Carbon Auditing and the Emergence of a Carbon Neutrality Business
- Climate Change - Business Risk or Opportunity?

GRADING

Oral examination / home essay (8 pp.):	30 %
1 presentation (10 minutes):	30 %
1 in-class essay + test:	20 %
1 chapter review:	10 %
Participation/Engagement:	10 %

TERMS

Presence

Students are requested to attend to classes in order to get graded. **More than 1 absences will automatically lower your final grade after your point total is calculated,** unless you can

document that **all** the absences are related to an illness and/or official university event.

Policy on Academic Integrity. Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since such dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced.

Read details at: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/scholdis.php>

The General Information Catalog at the University of TX Austin states, "After a grade has been reported to the registrar, it may not be changed unless an error was made by the instructor."

Policy on Writing

Your writing matters. It is not enough to have interesting thoughts. In your formal writing assignments, you must express those thoughts in an intelligible, structured, and eloquent prose.

Your writing must be your own work. If you plagiarize egregiously on an assignment, you will fail the course. Simple rule of thumb: "If you use words or ideas that are not your own you must cite your sources. Otherwise you will be guilty of plagiarism."

Consult the UT Libraries site on plagiarism: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/plagiarism>

If you are concerned about what it means to write a college paper, you can find sound advice in Trimble, *Writing with Style* (you can easily purchase a second-hand copy of this book). Rhetoric & Composition recommends *SF Express* by Ruszkiewicz (again, you can easily find a second-hand copy).