SYLLABUS AND READINGS

TEXT BOOKS: The bookstore was asked to stock this book. You will use significant portions, so it will make sense to have your own copy:

Frank S. Arnold, Economic Analysis of Environmental Policy and Regulation

The second text is provided by all taxpayers (at no additional charge to you), and will be distributed during the first class:

EPA, Guidelines for Preparing Economic Analysis

Another useful resource: http://ecosystemvaluation.org/

Supplemental readings are in the Reserve Reading Room of Pattee Library; the “Schedule and Reading Assignment” indicates which are required and many that are optional. To find the list of materials, go to http://www.lias.psu.edu/ and click on the ‘Enhanced CAT’ button. Then select the ‘Course Reserves’ button at the top of the screen. In Step 1 (Enter Search Terms), enter AG EC 401W and click on ‘Course Number’ as the search type. This brings up the list of reserve items. You can get some of them by clicking on the detail button next to the reference and then selecting the Electronic Access link. Most of these readings are also in Room 112 Armsby, the office of my staff assistant, Rose Ann Alters (Hours: M-F; 7:30-4PM). Please ask her where the readings for AG EC 401W are located. Sign out the copy you are taking and bring it back within 2 hours. Overnight checkouts may be made after 3:30PM and must be returned no later than 9:00AM the following business day. You may make a copy for your own use or read the copy provided and take notes on your reading. Of course, you may purchase any of the supplemental books through web-browsers or a bookstore. A few additional readings may be assigned as the semester unfolds.

This is a writing intensive course, so you will be coached and evaluated on your ability to present economic analysis in writing. It will help to have the following when preparing written assignments: (1) a good dictionary and (2) a grammar and style reference book. Choose any book that you like; you probably have one from an English or previous writing intensive course. If not, consult with other students, bookstore staff or the staff of the Writing Center, 219 Boucke Bldg. for suggestions. An excellent on-line source of grammar information is <http://www.bartleby.com/141/>; William Strunk, Jr., The Elements of Style -- an old, but good, book. Bartleby also has a page with a search function to answer specific questions, such as when to use affect and when to use effect. The URL is: <http://www.bartleby.com/64/>. MANY other on-line sources (some good, some ???) may be located using the Search engines on the PSU web page.