ECONOMICS 680

ADVANCED RESOURCES ECONOMICS – Part 1

Syllabus

Class meetings: TR 12:40-2:00; Heady 272

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Class Webpage: http://www.econ.iastate.edu/classes/econ680/herriges

Required Text: None


Supplemental Readings: Supplemental reading materials are listed in the attached reading list. Required readings from this list are indicated by an asterisk and will be on reserve in the Parks Library.

Course Grading:

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Research Paper: The research paper should be 15 to 20 pages (no more than 20), double spaced using 11pt font and 1 inch margins on an 8½×11 paper. It must be either analytical or empirical. No literature reviews will be accepted. The ideal paper will either:

- Attempt to modify or extend a specific model from the literature, leading to a positive or normative result and explain its implications; or
- Test a specific hypothesis derived from the economic analyses in the readings or in the lectures.

Plan to start your papers early. A 1-page proposal is due November 5th and a class presentation of your results or preliminary findings is required during the last two weeks of classes. Ideally, the paper should be completed by the end of the semester, but will be accepted up until June 30th, 2006. It cannot be used in another class.