ECONOMICS 693
Economic Background for Regional Resilience and Adaptation
Fall 2009

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Class Time: Tuesday and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
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Prerequisites Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Required Readings: Class notes (possible a reading or two).

Course Description:
Economic Background for Regional Resilience and Adaptation provides the economic background that is necessary for understanding the role of resource economics in complex systems involving interactions among biological, economic, and social processes. This course is designed for incoming students of the Resilience and Adaptation (RAP) Program that have not received foundation training in economics.

Grading Policy:
The class is graded Pass/Fail and a passing grade consists on satisfactory performance (at a graduate level) based on class participation (100%).
Course Goals:

1) Understand fundamental microeconomic analysis.
2) Be able to converse with economists with some understanding of their language.
3) Be better able to understand the economics that follows in other RAP courses.
4) Be better able to decide if economic tools is appropriate for your research.

Students with disabilities:

Students with learning or other disabilities who may need classroom accommodations are encouraged to make an appointment with the Office of Disability Services (474-7043). Please meet with me during office hours so that we can collaborate with the Office of Disability Services to provide the appropriate accommodations and supports to assist you in meeting the goals of the course.

Planned Subject Coverage (by lectures):

Nov 5 (R): Introduction to Economics
Nov 10 (T): Introduction to Economics
Nov 12 (R): Fundamentals of Demand
Nov 17 (T): Fundamentals of Demand
Nov 19 (R): Fundamentals of Supply
Nov 24 (T): Comparative Statics
Dec 1 (T): Efficiency and Equity
Dec 3 (R): Common and Private Property and Open Access
Dec 8 (T): Market Failure