



LUND UNIVERSITY

International Institute for
Industrial Environmental Economics

Course Curriculum for IMEN15 Economics, Consumption and Society

1. General information

Course code: IMEN15

Course name: Economics, Consumption and Society

Main field: Environmental Management and Policy

Master level. Advanced level A1N

Credits: 5 ECTS

Language of instruction: English

Approved by Utbildningsnämnd C, Lund University, Faculty of Engineering, 9 April 2014

Valid from Autumn semester 2014

2. General Description of the Course

This course is a compulsory course in the first semester of the EMP (MSc in Environmental Management and Policy) programme. The course provides a basis for further courses in the programme and particularly the Economic Valuation of Environmental Change (EVEC) module of the course Environmental Assessment Methods, and the Policies and Approaches for Sustainability I and II courses.

3. Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall be able to

- Explain basic microeconomic theory, in particular the fundamentals of market failures; and
- Describe major trends of consumption and policy options to address unsustainable consumption patterns

4. Course content

The course is divided into two main parts. First, the introductory microeconomic module provides the fundamentals of economic theory, with an emphasis on economic analysis about market economies, highlighting why the market fails to achieve and/or improve the quality of the environment. Second, the consumption module focuses on consumption and sustainable consumption perspectives, highlighting what strategies are available to address unsustainable consumption patterns.

5. Teaching and assessment

The course is designed as a distance course, but can also be offered as campus course if needed. The participant communicates via the chosen learning platform, mail, chats, phone, etc. The teaching involves readings, lectures, forums, quizzes, and assignments. Grading is based on individual performance, via fulfillment of compulsory and a choice of elective course components.

Grading scale

The following grades are used: Fail - Pass (UG).

6. Prerequisites

Students should have been admitted to the MSc Programme in Environmental Management and Policy.

7. Literature

The final reading list is issued by the Institute no later than five weeks before the course starts.