

Course Outline
ECON 555- Urban and Regional Economics

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Text: URBAN ECONOMICS Sixth Edition- Arthur O'Sullivan

Chapter 1- Introduction and Axioms of Urban Economics

Chapter 2- Why Do Cities Exist?

Chapter 3- Why Do Firms Cluster?

Where do Firms Locate?

FIRST EXAM

Market Areas and Central Place Theory

Chapter 5- Urban Growth

SECOND EXAM

Chapter 6- Urban Land Rent

Chapter 7- Land Use Patterns

Chapter 10- Externalities from Autos

THIRD EXAM

Chapter 11- Mass Transit

Household Sorting

Urban Poverty

FOURTH EXAM (DURING FINALS WEEK)

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Learn the principles of urban-regional economics.
2. Apply the principles to analyze real world issues of regional growth and urban problems such as transportation and poverty.

THE COURSE GRADE WILL BE DETERMINED BY PERFORMANCE ON THE HOMEWORK AND THE EXAMS. NO EXTRA CREDIT PROJECTS ARE POSSIBLE.

Your grade in the course is determined as follows:

<u>Exams/Homework</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Percent of Course Grade</u>
First Test	100	20
Second Test	100	20
Third Test	100	20
Fourth Test	100	20
Homework	100	20

To compute your homework score, divide the number of homework points you got correct by the total number of possible homework points. For example, suppose there are 200 possible homework points and a student gets 180 correct. This student's homework score would be $180/200 = 90$ percent. This would translate into 90 points for the homework grade.

The course is to a certain extent, cumulative. Certain principles are used throughout the course. However, each exam specifically covers only the material following the preceding exam.

Exams may be made up if the following conditions are met:

1. In my view the excuse is reasonable.
2. You notify me prior to the exam.

IGNORANCE OF THE TIME AND DAY OF THE EXAM IS NOT A REASONABLE EXCUSE. IF THIS OCCURS YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE UP THE EXAM.

It is expected in all academic work in this class that all work be done individually by you. Do not collaborate on any academic work unless specifically approved by your instructor.

On all assignments, examinations, or other course work undertaken by undergraduate students, the following pledge is implied, whether or not it is stated: "On my honor, as a student, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this academic work."