

Urban Economics (on-line)

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Text:

Urban Economics, O'Sullivan, McGraw-Hill, 9th edition

Students must purchase the above text as it will include an access code for MyEconLab. It is strongly recommended that students purchase the e-text as it is well integrated with MyEconLab.

Overview of the Course:

This course is designed to expose students to the important terms and concepts related to the subject of urban economics. Once completed students should understand:

- The microeconomics tools used in the analysis of urban economics
- Why cities exist and why firms cluster in a region
- The impact of city size and urban growth
- The concept of land rent and land-use patterns
- The rationale of neighborhood choice
- The impact of zoning and growth control
- The importance of urban transportation (highways and public transit)
- The role of education and crime in cities
- Why housing is different from other goods
- The impact of housing policy
- The role of local government
- Revenue sources of local government

This course satisfies the Logical and Quantitative Reasoning General Education requirement. Upon completion of the course, the student will:

- Analyze and evaluate mathematical or logical arguments
- Demonstrate an understanding of the scope and limitations of logical reasoning including the nature of rational norms, formal languages, and logical paradoxes
- Demonstrate the ability to comprehend quantitative information embedded in common language and, conversely, to present quantitative information in well-written essays.
- Acquire a basic understanding of the quantification of risk.

Grading:

During the semester, there are nineteen (19) homework assignments, eight (8) quizzes, and four (4) tests. Students will receive feedback on all of the above within 24 hours.

For the quizzes, the highest score counting toward their grade for the course (3 attempts). The quizzes have a time limit of 30 to 60 minutes.

Students may attempt the tests a maximum of three times with the highest grade counting toward the grade for the course. There is an 80 minute time limit on each of the tests.

The relative weight of the assignments, quizzes, and tests are as follows:

Homework assignments	30%
Quizzes	20%
Tests	50%

Grades for the course are awarded via the below criteria:

A:	$\geq 90\%$
B+:	$\geq 85\%$ and $< 90\%$
B:	$\geq 80\%$ and $< 85\%$
C+:	$\geq 75\%$ and $< 80\%$
C:	$\geq 70\%$ and $< 75\%$
D:	$\geq 60\%$ and $< 70\%$
F:	$< 60\%$

Note: There is **no extra credit** for this course.

Deadlines:

Students are expected to meet all deadlines for the course. If an extension is desired, students must make the request via email. Extension requests received after the due date will be approved with the following late submission penalties: 30% (1 day), 40% (2 days), 50% (3 days), 60% (4 days), etc.. Penalties accrue from the original due date/ time and not from the date/time of the extension request. A one (1) day extension, without penalty, will be granted if the request is received prior to the assignment deadline. Students are limited to 9 penalty-free assignment extensions per semester. Missing the one day extension deadline will incur a penalty starting at 40% and increasing by 10% for each additional day. Assignments which are more than 7 days late automatically become a "0" (6 days for missed one-day extension deadlines). Special accommodations to these rules are available for medical or other reasons when supported by appropriate documentation.

E-mail Correspondence:

Students should identify the course in the subject heading, clearly explain the issue that they face, and write in a manner consistent with professional correspondence. Students will receive a response within 24 hours.

Disability Statement:

This course is open to all students who meet the academic requirements for participation. Any student who has a need for accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss the specific situation as soon as possible. Information about requesting accommodations can be found at:

http://campuscenter.camden.rutgers.edu/disabled_services.htm

Statement on Collaboration:

Given that Rutgers University is committed to academic integrity, students are required to acknowledge and cite the ideas of others, identify all contributors to work submitted for classroom credit, and ensure that all work submitted is their own and does not contain impermissible collaboration. For further information on the Rutgers University academic integrity policy, students should go to:

<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy>

Technical Support:

For issues with Canvas, students can contact the Canvas Help Desk at help@canvas.rutgers.edu or calling (877) 361-1134.

Students are required to open a service ticket with Canvas support for all issues impacting their ability to complete coursework on Canvas. Undocumented Canvas issues will not be accepted as an excuse for missed assignments.

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Schedule

Week	Open Date/Time	Close Date/Time	Assignments
Week#01	7/24 @ 12AM	7/30 @ 11:59PM	Micro Knowledge Test Chapter 1 HW Chapter 3 HW Week#01 Quiz A Chapter 4 HW Chapter 5 HW Week#01 Quiz B Week#01 Test
Week#02	7/31 @ 12AM	8/6 @ 11:59PM	Chapter 6 HW Chapter 7 HW Week#02 Quiz A Chapter 8 HW Chapter 9 HW Week#02 Quiz B Week#02 Test
Week#03	8/7 @ 12AM	8/13 @ 11:59PM	Chapter 10 HW Chapter 11 HW Week#03 Quiz A Chapter 12 HW Chapter 13 HW Week#03 Quiz B Week#03 Test
Week#04	8/14 @ 12AM	8/17 @ 11:59PM	Chapter 14 HW Chapter 15 HW Week#04 Quiz A Chapter 16 HW Chapter 17 HW Chapter 18 HW Week#04 Quiz B Week#04 Test

Module I: 7/24 - 7/30

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Key Concepts in Urban Economics

Chapter 3: Trading and Factory Towns

Chapter 4: Agglomeration Economies

Chapter 5: Where Do Cities Develop?

Module II: 7/31 - 8/6

Chapter 6: Consumer Cities and Central Places

Chapter 7: Cities in a Regional Economy

Chapter 8: The Urban Labor Market

Chapter 9: The First Cities

Module III: 8/7 - 8/13

Chapter 10: Land Rent and Manufacturing Land

Chapter 11: Office Space and Tall Buildings

Chapter 12: Housing Prices and Residential Use

Chapter 13: Spatial Distribution of Employment

Module IV: 8/14 - 8/17

Chapter 14: The Mono-centric City and Urban General Equilibrium

Chapter 15: Neighborhoods

Chapter 16: Land Use Policy

Chapter 17: Urban Housing and Public Policy

Chapter 18: Cars and Roads