

ECONOMICS 390 - Fall 2016

Urban and Regional Economics

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Prerequisites: Econ 111 – Principles of Microeconomics

Text: Modern Urban and Regional Economics, Philip McCann, Oxford (Second Edition).

Course Description: Theoretical, historical, and empirical examination of the economic forces that shape growth, development, land use, and location decisions in towns, cities and regions. Presents economic explanation for several urban problems such as sprawl, segregation, crime, pollution, traffic congestion, and inadequate housing and education. The role of state and local governments in addressing these problems is discussed.

Evaluation and Grades: Grades are determined by the total points earned on three equally weighted exams.

Exams: Each exam will consist of two parts. Part one will consist of 24 multiple choice questions worth 2.5 points each (total 60). Part two will consist of four problem solving/short-answer questions worth 10 points each (total 40); exam total 100 points. There will be no make-up exams given after the exam has been given in class. If, due to a university sanctioned event or activity, you have a conflict with a scheduled exam you must notify me at least 7 days before the test is given. If you are seriously ill or a major emergency arises you must notify me in advance if at all possible. Any student who has not taken the exam with his/her section, or has failed to notify me in advance will be assigned a score of zero for that exam.

| Weighted Score / 100 | Grade |
|----------------------|-------|
| [0,60) | F |
| [60,70) | D |
| [70,80) | C |
| [80,90) | B |
| [90,100] | A |

+: ≥ 7 ; -: < 3

Students with Disabilities: Students with learning or other disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services during the first two weeks of the semester if they wish to request accommodation.

Religious Beliefs: Religious beliefs will be accommodated according to UWS 22.03 as long as the student notifies me of the specific days or dates within the first three weeks of the beginning of classes.

Student Rights and Responsibilities: UWS/UWSP Student Academic Standards and Disciplinary Procedures: <http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Documents/CommunityRights.pdf>.

COURSE OUTLINE

- **Part I - Urban and Regional Economic Models and Methods**
 - Chapter 1 - Industrial location: the location of the firm in theory
 - Chapter 2 - Agglomeration and clustering
 - Chapter 3 - The spatial distribution of activities
 - Chapter 4 - The spatial structure of the urban economy
 - **Exam 1 - October 12th****
- **Part I - Continued**
 - Chapter 5 - Regional specialization, trade, and multiplier analysis
 - Chapter 6 - Regional and interregional labour market analysis
 - Chapter 7 - Regional growth, factor allocation, and balance of payments
 - **Exam 2 - November 14th****
- **Part II - Globalization: Cities, Regions, and Economic Policy**
 - Chapter 8 - Economic geography and economic history
 - Chapter 9 - Cities and regions in the modern global economy
 - Chapter 10 - Modern urban and regional economic policy analysis
 - Final Exam - December 16th, 12:30-2:30**

****Dates for Exams 1 & 2 are Tentative****
