

URBAN ECONOMICS

Summer Session B, 2025
Univeristy of California, Riverside

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Time: MW 11:00AM – 1:50PM
Place: Olmsted Room 420

Course Pages: Canvas

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Main References:

- Arthur O’Sullivan, Urban Economics, 8th Edition.

Objectives:

This course examines urban economics, the field at the intersection of geography and economics that explains how household and firm location choices shape the size and structure of cities. Topics include the existence and growth of cities, market forces and land-use patterns, urban transportation, housing markets, and the economics of education and crime. The course also explores government policies affecting cities, including housing, transportation, and local taxation.

Prerequisites: ECON 102 or ECON 104A

Course Schedule: I reserve the right to change any of the information in this schedule due to unforeseen circumstances or to better meet the goals/needs of the course.

Date	Tests	Topic Covered
M 07/28		Introduction and Axioms of Urban Economics
W 07/30	Quiz 1 (5 points)	Market Forces in the Development of Cities – Part 1
M 08/04	Quiz 2 (5 points)	Market Forces in the Development of Cities – Part 2
W 08/07	Quiz 3 (5 points)	Market Forces in the Development of Cities – Part 3
M 08/11	Midterm 1 (20 points)	
W 08/13	Quiz 4 (5 points)	Land, Housing, and Transportation
M 08/18	Quiz 5 (5 points)	Education, Crime, and Government
W 08/20	Midterm 2 (20 points)	
M 08/25		Midterm 1 & 2 Recap
W 08/27	Final Exam (30 points)	

Grading Policy:

1. **Quizzes** (25 points = 5 points each*5 quizzes): Each quiz covers material from the previous class.
2. **Midterms** (40 points = 20 points each*2 exams): Midterms are independent of each other.
3. **Final Exam** (30 points): Comprehensive, covering all material.
4. **Attendance** (5 points).

Course Policy:

A (93+); A- (92.99-90); B+ (89.99-87); B (86.99-83); C+ (79.99-77); C (76.99-73); C- (72.99-70); D+ (69.99-67); D (66.99-63); D- (62.99-60); F (59.99-0)

Course Conduct:

This class should be an environment that is free of bias, discrimination, and harassment. Please do your part to be kind and respectful to others in all communications. If you feel that you have been a victim of inappropriate behavior, feel free to speak with me or access the resources available to you on campus, <http://titleix.ucr.edu/resources/resources.html>.

Academic Integrity:

As a student in this class, it is your responsibility to act with integrity and accountability. I expect that you will complete all assessments in the manner in which they are intended and inform me of suspected acts of academic misconduct by your peers. By doing so, you will affirm the integrity and intellectual work of the University and the degree it represents. Should you choose to commit academic misconduct in this course, you will receive a failing grade. In all cases, you will be reported to the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Programs (SCAIP), and you will be held accountable according to the policies set forth by the University. For more information about the University's Academic Integrity policies, visit <http://conduct.ucr.edu/policies/academicintegrity.html>.

Accommodations:

Any student who needs accommodation should notify me as soon as possible to make these arrangements with the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC).

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