

Department of Economics  
Hacettepe University  
**ECO 336 Urban Economics**  
*Spring 2010*  
**Course Information**

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**Time/Place** **Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:45 @ D 11 (Feb. 16 - Apr. 13)**  
**From April 20, Thursdays 13:30 - 15:15**

**Office Hours** Mondays, Tuesdays 13:00 – 14:00 [with Ara-Aksoy]

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**Course Description** This course is composed of two parts. In the first half of this course, the economics of agglomeration and urban spatial structure will be introduced. We observe how the individuals' utility maximization and firms' profit maximization determine the urban land use pattern. We also analyze the urban transportation system and explore the externality problems from urban traffic. In the second half of this course, regional development policies and the cases in Turkey and EU will be introduced. The regional differences in social and economic development in Turkey and the political measures to reduce the gaps will be discussed.

**Class Participation** Discussion is a very important component of this class, therefore your class attendance is highly expected.

**Course Requirements**

1.	Midterm Exam I	40%
2.	Term Paper*	30%
3.	Final Exam	30%

\* See *Term Paper Guidelines* for the details

**Make-up Exam** **No makeup exam will be given** unless a legally acceptable document (such as medical report) is submitted. Validity of such document will be examined.

**Academic Misconduct**

Please read the relevant material at <http://www.plagiarism.org/>. Detected plagiarism throughout the coursework will cause the student to be punished according to the University rules.

## Disabilities

Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately to discuss your specific need.

## Textbooks:

1. Arthur O'Sullivan, "Urban Economics" 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, McGraw-Hill/Irwin, 2006. You can find the book at Ozer Bookstore (Karanfil Sokak, No:12/6, Kızılay, Tel:0312 417 4848)
2. Dinler, Z. (2005), Bölgesel İktisat, Ekin Kitapevi, Bursa

## Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics	Reading
1	Feb. 16	Introduction, What is Urban Economics?	A.S.Ch. 1
2	Feb. 23	Development of Cities: Why Do Cities Exist?	A.S.Ch. 2
3	Mar. 2	Development of Cities: Why Do Firms Cluster?	A.S.Ch. 3
4	Mar. 9	Development of Cities: City Size	A.S.Ch. 4
5	Mar.16	Development of Cities: Urban Growth	A.S.Ch. 5
6	Mar.23	Urban Land Rent	A.S.Ch. 6
7	Mar.30	Land-Use Pattern <i>*Term paper topic submission due date</i>	A.S.Ch. 7
8	Apr. 6	<i>Midterm Exam</i>	
9	Apr.13	Urban Transportation: Externalities from Autos	A.S.Ch. 10
10	Apr.22*	Bölgelerarası Gelişmişlik Farklarını Azaltıcı Politikalar ve Araçlar	Dinler
11	Apr.29*	Türkiye'de bölgelerarası sosyal ve ekonomik gelişmişlik farkları	Dinler
12	May 6*	Türkiye'de bölgelerarası gelişmişlik farklarını azaltmaya yönelik araçlar	Dinler
13	May 13*	Yeni sanayi odakları ve Anadolu Kaplanları	Dinler
	May 14	<i>*Term Paper Submission Due Date</i>	
14	May 20*	Avrupa Birliği Bölgesel Politikaları	Dinler
		<b>Final Exam</b>	

\* These classes will be held on Thursdays.