

Department of Economics  
Hacettepe University  
**ECO 336 Urban Economics**

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**Course Information**

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**Course Description** This course introduces the economics of agglomeration, urban spatial structure and housing market. The interaction among individuals' utility maximization, firms' profit maximization and local government's housing/land use policies and regulations are considered. We also analyze the urban transportation system and explore urban problems such as urban poverty, crime, and environment.

**Course Objectives** The objective of this course is to introduce theoretical tools in the economics of urban cities, transportation, housing and the role of local government. Students are expected to thoroughly understand the urban economic theory, develop a capacity to analyze contemporary urban problems, and apply the theory to assess the policy options.

**Course Requirements**

1.	Midterm Exam	40%
2.	Final Exam	50%
3.	Attendance	10%

**Textbook**

- Arthur O'Sullivan, "Urban Economics" 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, McGraw-Hill/Irwin, 2006, 2008.

**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. The students are expected to know what plagiarism is and lack of knowledge is not an acceptable excuse.

## 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.

	Date	Topics	Textbook
1 <sup>st</sup> week	Feb. 21	Introduction, What is Urban Economics?	Ch.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> week	Feb. 28	Development of Cities: Why Do Cities Exist?	Ch.2
3 <sup>rd</sup> week	Mar. 7	Development of Cities: Why Do Firms Cluster?	Ch.3
4 <sup>th</sup> week	Mar. 14	Development of Cities: City Size	Ch.4
5 <sup>th</sup> week	Mar. 21	Development of Cities: Urban Growth	Ch.5
6 <sup>th</sup> week	Mar. 28	Urban Land Rent	Ch.6
7 <sup>th</sup> week	Apr. 4	Land-Use Patterns	Ch.7
8 <sup>th</sup> week	To be announced	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> week	Apr. 18	Neighborhood Choice	Ch.8
10 <sup>th</sup> week	Apr. 25	Zoning and Growth Controls	Ch.9
11 <sup>th</sup> week	May 2	Urban Transportation: Externalities from Autos	Ch.10
12 <sup>th</sup> week	May 9	Mass Transit	Ch.11
13 <sup>th</sup> week	May 16	Crime	Ch.12
14 <sup>th</sup> week	May 23	Local Government: The Role of Local Government	Ch.15
	To be announced	<b>Final Exam</b>	