

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 Requirements

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

Textbook:

Arthur O'Sullivan, "*Urban Economics*" 6th Edition, McGraw-Hill/Irwin, 2006. You can find the book at Ozer Bookstore (Karanfil Sokak, No:12/6, Kızılay, Tel:0312 417 4848)

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.

Grading

Final grade will be given entirely based on your scores under a fair and single grading policy. None of students' "special situations/needs" (e.g. scholarship, graduation, financial condition, family situation etc.) will affect your grade. If you need a certain grade, work hard.

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.

Course Schedule

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