



## Undergraduate Course Syllabus

### ECO 335: Urban and Regional Economics

Center: Online

#### Course Prerequisites

ECO 201 and ECO 202

#### Course Description

This course looks at the causes of urbanization and the growth of regional economies. Problems arising from urbanization, their effects on local economies and the government's role in solving them are explored.

#### Course Outcomes

- Answers the questions: Why do cities develop? Where do cities develop? How many cities develop?
- Explain the 4 economic forces that lead to urban growth or decline.
- Define land rent and identify its determinants.
- Define location equilibrium and explain its role in the analysis of spatial markets.
- Use the mono centric land market model to analyze the effects of transportation costs, externalities, and land use regulations on land use patterns, land value, and consumer welfare.
- Explain the constitutional basis for local government land regulation in the U.S.
- Identify the long term patterns of urbanization and suburbanization in the U.S. and apply appropriate economic theory to explain these patterns.
- Identify the major goals of U.S. housing policy
- Explain how specific housing policies affect consumers
- Explain the factors underlying the spatial concentration of urban poor in the U.S.
- Explain the sources and consequences of urban automobile traffic congestion.

### Required Materials

Using your learning resources is critical to your success in this course. Please purchase directly through SNHU's online bookstore, [MBS Direct](#), rather than any other vendor. Purchasing directly from the bookstore ensures that you will obtain the correct materials and that the Help Desk, your advisor, and the instructor can provide you with support if you have problems.

#### *Urban Economics*

Arthur O'Sullivan

McGraw-Hill Publishing Company

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2012

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### Instructor Availability and Response Time

Your class interaction with the instructor and your classmates will take place on a regular, ongoing basis. Your instructor will be actively engaged within the course throughout the week. You will normally communicate with your instructor in the weekly discussions or the General Questions discussion topic so that your questions and the instructor's answers benefit the entire class. You should feel free, however, to communicate with your instructor via SNHU email at any time, particularly when you want to discuss something of a personal or sensitive nature. Your instructor will generally provide a response within 24 hours.

### Grade Distribution

Assignment Category	Number of Graded Items	Point Value per Item	Total Points
Discussions	8	25	200
Assignments	6	50	300
Midterm	1	100	100
Final	1	150	150
		<b>Total Course Points:</b>	750

This course may also contain practice activities. The purpose of these non-graded activities is to assist you in mastering the learning outcomes in the graded activity items listed above.

## University Grading System: Undergraduate

Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Points
A	93–100	4
A-	90–92	3.67
B+	87–89	3.33
B	83–86	3
B-	80–82	2.67
C+	77–79	2.33
C	73–76	2
C-	70–72	1.67
D+	67–69	1.33
D	60–66	1
F	0–59	0
I	Incomplete	
IF	Incomplete/Failure *	
IP	In Progress (past end of term)	
W	Withdrawn	

\* Please refer to the [policy page](#) for information on the incomplete grade process.

### Grading Guides

Specific activity directions, grading guides, posting requirements, and additional deadlines can be found in the Assignment Guidelines and Rubrics section of the course.

### Weekly Assignment Schedule

All reading and assignment information can be found within each module of the course. Assignments and discussion posts during the first week of each term are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Assignments and discussion posts for the remainder of the term are due by 11:59 p.m. of the student's local time zone.

In addition to the textbook readings that are listed, there may be additional required resources within each module.

Module	Topics and Assignments
1	Module One <i>Urban Economics</i> , Chapters 1 and 2 1-1 Discussion 1-2 Assignment #1
2	Module Two <i>Urban Economics</i> , Chapter 3 2-1 Discussion 2-2 Assignment #2

3	Module Three <i>Urban Economics</i> , Chapters 4 and 5 3-1 Discussion 3-2 Assignment #3
4	Module Four <i>Urban Economics</i> , Chapters 6 and 7 4-1 Discussion 4-2 Midterm
5	Module Five <i>Urban Economics</i> , Chapters 8 and 9 5-1 Discussion 5-2 Assignment #4
6	Module Six <i>Urban Economics</i> , Chapters 10 and 11 6-1 Discussion 6-2 Assignment #5
7	Module Seven <i>Urban Economics</i> , Chapters 12 and 13 7-1 Discussion 7-2 Assignment #6
8	Module Eight <i>Urban Economics</i> , Chapter 14 8-1 Discussion 8-2 Final Paper

### **Attendance Policy**

Online students are required to submit a graded assignment/discussion during the first week of class. If a student does not submit a posting to the graded assignment/discussion during the first week of class, the student is automatically withdrawn from the course for non-participation. Review the [full attendance policy](#).

### **Late Assignments Policy**

Meeting assigned due dates is critical for demonstrating progress and ensuring appropriate time for instructor feedback on assignments. Students are expected to submit their assignments on or before the due date. Review the [full late assignment policy](#).

### **SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education Student Handbook**

Review the [student handbook](#).

### **ADA/504 Compliance Statement**

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As soon as you become aware of a disability, we encourage you to contact the Online Accessibility Center (OAC) to discuss accommodations for which you may be qualified. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between the student and the OAC. Note that accommodations are not retroactive and that disability accommodations are not provided until an accommodation letter has been processed.

Contact Information:

Online Accessibility Center

Phone: 866-305-9430

Email: [oac@snhu.edu](mailto:oac@snhu.edu)

For questions concerning support services, documentation guidelines, or general disability issues, visit the [Online Accessibility Center](#) website.

If you feel you have been denied appropriate disability-related accommodations, including appropriate auxiliary aids and services, you may file a grievance as described in the ADA/504 Grievance Policy found on the [Disability Services](#) webpage.

### **Academic Honesty Policy**

Southern New Hampshire University requires all students to adhere to high standards of integrity in their academic work. Activities such as plagiarism and cheating are not condoned by the university. Review the [full academic honesty policy](#).

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### **SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education Withdrawal Policy**

Review the [full withdrawal policy](#).

### **Southern New Hampshire University Policies**

More information about SNHU policies can be found on the [policy page](#).

### **Student Work Samples**

For the purpose of continuous improvement of our educational training, Southern New Hampshire University's College of Online and Continuing Education may, on occasion, utilize anonymous student work samples for internal professional development and staff training. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your advisor. If you would like to withdraw permission for use of your work, please email [assessmentcalibration@snhu.edu](mailto:assessmentcalibration@snhu.edu).