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Department of Economics

**Econ 135 Urban Economics**

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TAs: *to be announced*

Class schedule: Tues & Thurs 2:00 – 3:20p in Pepper Canyon Hall 106.

Course website: [www.econ.ucsd.edu/~miwhite/econ135](http://www.econ.ucsd.edu/~miwhite/econ135). Lecture notes, study questions, announcements, deadlines, etc. will be posted on the course website.

The textbook for this course is *Urban Economics*, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> edition, by Arthur O'Sullivan. The book is on reserve at the SSH library. (Both editions are fine.)

There will be an in-class midterm on Oct 27 and a final exam on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-6p (the scheduled time). There will also be two short, unannounced in-class quizzes and two graded problem sets. Students must take the midterm and final at these times—please make sure that you will be in town!

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Grading: The midterm will count for 40% of the final grade and each quiz and problem set will count for 5 percent of the final grade. The lowest of the problem set and quiz scores will be dropped. So the final will count for  $1 - .40 - 3(.05) = .45$  of the final grade.

## **Reading assignments**

**(Note: specific reading assignments will be announced at each lecture for the next class.)**

- I. Introduction and review of microeconomics (1 lecture)

Appendix, pp. 699-722 (or use any other micro textbook). [pp. 699-722 in 4<sup>th</sup> ed]

- II. Why and where do cities develop? (weeks 1.5-2)

Chapters 1-5.

- III. Urban land use (weeks 3.5-4)

Chapters 7-8

- V. Suburbanization and Commuting (week 4)

Chapter 9 [ch 10 in 4<sup>th</sup> ed.]

- VI. Urban Transportation (week 5)

Chapters 11-12 [ch 19-20 in 4<sup>th</sup> ed.]

- VII. Zoning (week 6)

Chapter 10 [ch 11 in 4<sup>th</sup> ed]

- VIII. Housing, Segregation, Crime, and Poverty (weeks 7-8)

Chapters 13-18 [chs 12-15 and 22 in 4<sup>th</sup> ed]

- IX. Local Government (weeks 9-10)

Chapters 19-20 [chs 16-18 in 4<sup>th</sup> ed.]