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Class Syllabus – Spring 2002

Econ 135 Urban Economics

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Class schedule: Tues & Thurs 11:10-12:30, CSB 001

Office hours: will be announced and posted on the course website.

The textbook for this course is *Urban Economics*, 4th edition, by Arthur O'Sullivan.

There will be no class on Thursday, April 4. There will be a make-up class on Sunday, April 14, at 7pm. (room to be announced).

There will be an in-class midterm on May 2 and a final exam at the scheduled time. There will also be two required problem sets. Lecture notes will be posted on the course website. There are study questions and problems at the end of each chapter in the textbook.

Grading: The midterm will count one-third of the final grade and each problem set will count 5 percent of the final grade.

Reading assignments
(Note: this is a new course so the number
of weeks to be devoted to each topic is approximate.)

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

Appendix, pp. 699-722 (or use any other micro textbook).

- II. Why do cities develop? (week 2)

Chapters 1-3.

- III. Where do cities develop? (week 3)

Chapters 4-5

- IV. Urban land use (weeks 4-5)

Chapters 7-8

- V. Suburbanization and Commuting (week 6)

Chapters 10

- VI. Urban Transportation (week 7)

Chapters 19-20

- VII. Zoning (week 7)

Chapter 11

- VIII. Housing, Segregation, Crime, and Poverty (weeks 8-9)

Chapters 12-15 and 22

- IX. Local Government (week 10)

Chapters 16-18