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Econ 135 Urban Economics

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Office hours: to be announced, in Econ 320.

Class schedule: Tues & Thurs 8:00 – 9:20 in HSS 2250.

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

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Grading: The midterm will count for 40% of the final grade and each quiz will count for 7.5 percent of the final grade. The final will count for $1 - .40 - 2(.075) = .45$ of the final grade.

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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 4th 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 4th ed.]

VI. Urban Transportation (week 5)

Chapters 11-12 [ch 19-20 in 4th ed.]

VII. Zoning (week 6)

Chapter 10 [ch 11 in 4th ed]

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

Chapters 13-18 [chs 12-15 and 22 in 4th ed]

IX. Local Government (weeks 9-10)

Chapters 19-20 [chs 16-18 in 4th ed.]