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Econ 135 Urban Economics

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Class schedule: Tues & Thurs 12:30-1:50 in Pepper Canyon Hall 109.

Course website: 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*, 5th edition, by Arthur O'Sullivan.

There will be an in-class midterm on Feb 8 and a final exam at the scheduled time. There will also be two short, unannounced in-class quizzes and two graded problem sets. The final exam will be at the scheduled time.

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 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 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.]