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Department of Economics

**Econ 135: Urban Economics**

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Class schedule: Tues & Thurs 8:00 – 9:20p in Warren Lecture Hall 2005.

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 February 22 and a final exam on March 22 from 8-11a (the scheduled time). Students must take the midterm and final at these times—please make sure that you will be in town!

Lecture notes will be posted on the course website. Study questions and answers will also be posted on the course website (these are ungraded). There are additional study questions and problems at the end of each chapter in the textbook.

Grading: The midterm and final will each count for 50% 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.]