

College of Business

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Semester and Year: Spring 2013

Course Syllabus

LOCATOR INFORMATION:

Course Name: ECON 4520 Urban Economics / ECON 3200 Real Estate

Credit Hours: 03

Contact Hours: 45 hours

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COURSE TEXTBOOK: Urban Economics, Arthur O'Sullivan, Latest Edition, McGraw Hill Books,

SCOPE OF THE COURSE: The scope of the course includes issues, problems, and theories of urban economics and their applications.

PURPOSE OF THE COURSE: To familiarize the students with the current urban economic problems and issues. Also to make them learn the theories and have them applied in addressing real life urban economic problems.

COURSE GOALS: On completion of this course, students should be able to understand, and explain urban economic problems in depth and be able to relate them with basic urban economic theories.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Academic honesty and integrity lie at the heart of any educational enterprise. Students are expected to do their own work and neither to give nor to receive assistance during quizzes and examinations. Deliberate violations of academic integrity (plagiarism, cheating, misrepresentation, and fabrication of information) are not tolerated. Actions outlined in the Tennessee State University Student Handbook under Code of Student Conduct will be followed for incidents of academic misconduct.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS: Any students requiring accommodations should contact Patricia Scudder, Director of Students with Disabilities—Disabled Student Services Office, at 963-7400, preferably before the fourth class meeting. The College of Business, in conjunction with the Office of Disabled Student Services, makes reasonable accommodations for qualified students with medically documented disabilities. I need to be aware of your status if it will affect your class activities and assignments---before assignments are due.

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT: There will be no eating, drinking, sleeping or disruptive behavior in the classroom. Each student is encouraged to participate in classroom activities, ask questions, and work along with the class as recommendations/problem solutions to illustrations, examples, and cases are examined. Additionally, cell phones must be turned off upon entering the classroom and should remain so until class has ended. Action will be taken against those students who do not adhere to appropriate classroom behavior.

ATTENDANCE & LATE WORK: Attendance will be regularly taken in the class; Late work will be acceptable only on genuine grounds.

TEACHING STRATEGIES:

Attendance will be taken regularly

Questions and answers

Class presentations

Discussions and class participations

Course Contents

Chapter 1	Introduction
Chapter 2	Why do cities exist?
Chapter 3	Why do firms Cluster?
Chapter 4	City size
Chapter 5	Urban growth
Chapter 6	Urban land rent
Chapter 7	Land use patterns
Chapter 8	Neighborhood choice
Chapter 9	Zoning and growth controls
Chapter 10	Autos and highways
Chapter 11	Urban Transit
Chapter 12	Education
Chapter 13	Crime
Chapter 14	Why is housing different?
Chapter 15	Housing policy
Chapter 16	The role of local government
Chapter 17	Local government revenue

ASSIGNMENTS & EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Test I	Worth	50%
Class presentation	Worth	25%
Term paper (Due 2 weeks before the last class)	Worth	25%
Comprehensive final exam in the Final Exam week		

GRADING SCALE:

A: 90-100
 B: 80-89
 C: 70-79
 D: 60-69
 F: 00-59

TENTATIVELY WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF TOPICS (Subject to change)

Week1.
 Week 2.
 Wewek 3
 Week 4.
 Week 5.
 Week 6.
 Week 7.
 Week 8.
 Week 9.
 Chap 10.
 Week 11.
 Week 12
 Week 13.
 Chap 14.

ONLINE STUDENTS' EVALUATION:

Fall 2012: November 19- December 6
 Spring 2013: April 15-May 1