

International Economics

Lecture of May 13, 2010

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Agenda

- Final Exam Information
- Office Hours on Skype
- Extra Credit Assignment
- Information about URBP 220 (link to course homepage [still “under construction”] at <http://pogodzinski.net/>) – featuring introductions to:
 - ArcGIS (more)
 - Social Network Analysis (UCINET and NetDraw)
 - R
- Review of “Things to Know” for the Final Exam
- Grades to Date (see me in my office DMH 138)
- Course Evaluation

Office Hours on Skype

I will be on Skype tonight Thurs, May 13, from 7pm to 9pm.

I will be on Skype Tues, May 20, from 7pm to 9pm.

My Skype name: **officehours.pogodzinski**

Final Exam Information

- Things to Know for Final Exam posted on course homepage at <http://pogodzinski.net/>
- Covers Chapters 12, 13, and 14
- Tues, May 25
- ECON 136 FINAL EXAM **0715-0930**

Extra Credit Assignment

Extra Credit Assignment (up to 10% on top of final calculated grade)

Here are two opinion pieces by Paul Krugman from the New York Times. Both are related to the crisis in Greece and the Euro.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/15/opinion/15krugman.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/30/opinion/30krugman.html>

In both pieces Krugman claims that the adoption of the Euro is the source of the Greek difficulty, and in general was a bad idea.

For full extra credit, answer all of the following questions satisfactorily:

1. Briefly summarize the reasons Krugman gives in each article (2 to 3 sentences per article).
2. Determine whether the reasons Krugman gives in each article are consistent with one another (2 to 3 sentences).
3. Does Krugman acknowledge any potential benefits of adopting the Euro (e.g., reduction in transactions costs that leads to greater trade)? If so, state the benefits Krugman mentions (1 to 3 sentences).
4. For the reasons you identified as the core of Krugman's case against the Euro in your answer to Question 1, do any of the same reasons apply to the United States – which has a single currency? (1 to 2 sentences)
5. Does Krugman give any idea about the circumstances under which a group of countries should have a single currency? If so, what are these circumstances. (2 to 3 sentences)

DUE BY EMAIL TO econ136.sjsu@gmail.com by noon Friday, May 21.

Information About URBP 220

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 – JULY 8, 2010,
4:00 PM – 8:15 PM

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Information About URBP 220 Economic Analysis for Urban Planning

Course website (still under construction) at
[http://pogodzinski.net/URBP220/Economic Analysis for Urban Planning Homepage.html](http://pogodzinski.net/URBP220/Economic_Analysis_for_Urban_Planning_Homepage.html)

**Graduate credit – advanced undergraduates
permitted to enroll**

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URBP 220 Topics

- **Applications: educational reform and finance, public finance, regional governance**
- **Economics essentials: choice/cost, supply/demand, market allocations and market failures**
- **Urban economics essentials: scale economies, externalities, diversity of demand**
- **Public finance essentials: measuring tax burden, enterprise zones, tax-increment financing**
- **Policy analysis essentials: workforce development, K-12 educational reform**
- **Fiscal federalism: intergovernmental finance, the “mosaic” and structure of governments**
- **Interconnectedness of land use, real estate, urban and “green” planning, public finance**

URBP 220 Special Features

Focus on interplay between *urban economics*, *public finance*, and *fiscal federalism*

Applications:

(K-12) educational finance and reform
workforce development policy
applications to public health issues
more...

Introduction to software:

ArcGIS, UCINET & NetDraw, R

URBP 220 MEETING DATES - JUNE

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:		1	2	3	4	5
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URBP 220 MEETING DATES - JULY

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Contact for More Information About URBP 220

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