

**San José State University**  
**College of Social Sciences | Department of Economics**  
**ECON 166, Urban Economics, Fall 2011**  
**Course Number 41241**

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<b>Class Days and Time</b>	Tu & Th 4:30pm-5:45pm
<b>Classrooms</b>	DMH 166
<b>Prerequisite/s</b>	ECON 1B or instructor consent
<b>Class Website</b>	<a href="http://pogodzinski.net/">http://pogodzinski.net/</a> (click on “Urban Economics”)

### **Course Description**

The purposes of this course are to introduce basic economic concepts, the concepts of macroeconomic measurement, macroeconomic analysis, and international economic analysis, and to apply these models to a variety of public policy issues.

### **Course Web Page**

Copies of course materials such as the syllabus, handouts, assignments, and relevant articles are going to be posted on my faculty web page at <http://pogodzinski.net/> (click on “Urban Economics”).

### **Required Texts/Readings**

*Urban Economics and Real Estate: Theory and Policy* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) by John McDonald and Daniel McMillen; Wiley (2007); ISBN 978-0-470-59148-2.

### **Classroom Protocol**

Each student is responsible for all material covered in class lectures, assigned readings from the textbooks and related articles, as well as all other problems or assignments given in class.

Attendance: regular attendance throughout the semester is expected and will greatly improve your performance and your grade in the class.

Class Behavior: all students are expected to treat their fellow students and the instructor with respect. This is absolutely essential for creating an environment conducive to learning and the exchange of ideas. Therefore, talking in class will not be allowed.

This classroom is a “cell-free zone”. Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. Please take care of all personal business before or after class. Computers may be used for class related activities only.

## Assignments and Grading Policy

Three exams, including the final, are each worth 30% of your final grade, with each covering about five weeks of subject matter (noncumulative). No notes or books are allowed during exams.

Occasional Assignments	30% (about five assignments graded S/S-/U)*
Midterm exam	35%
Final exam	35%

There will be no make-up midterm exams, except for serious, compelling, and documented non-academic reasons. If you miss the mid-term exam for any other reason, the course grade will be computed by increasing the weight of other elements of the grade in the proportion those remaining elements have in the original grading scheme.

About five Occasional Assignments graded S/S-/U are posted to the course wiki on dates to be determined and will be due on dates specified in the assignment. You will have at least one week to complete each occasional assignment. Late Occasional Assignments will be given a grade of U (no exceptions).

\*S counts as an A, S- counts as a B, U counts as an F.

## Dropping and Adding

September 6 Last Day to Drop Courses without an Entry on Student's Permanent Record

September 13 Last Day to Add Courses & Register Late

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drops, academic renewal, etc. Information on add/drops is available at [www.info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/soc-fall/rec-306.html](http://www.info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/soc-fall/rec-306.html). Late drop information is available at [www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops](http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops). Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for adding and dropping classes.

## University Policies

### Academic Integrity

Students should know that the University’s Academic Integrity Policy is available at [www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07-2.htm](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07-2.htm). Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University and the University’s integrity policy, require you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions

to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The website for Student Conduct and Ethical Development is available at [www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct](http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct).

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include in your assignment any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU's Academic Policy F06-1 requires approval of instructors.

#### **Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act**

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the DRC (Disability Resource Center) to establish a record of their disability.

#### **Peer Mentor Center**

The Peer Mentor Center is located on the 1st floor of Clark Hall in the Academic Success Center. The Peer Mentor Center is staffed with Peer Mentors who excel in helping students manage university life, tackling problems that range from academic challenges to interpersonal struggles. On the road to graduation, Peer Mentors are navigators, offering "roadside assistance" to peers who feel a bit lost or simply need help mapping out the locations of campus resources. Peer Mentor services are free and available on a drop-in basis, no reservation required. Website of Peer Mentor Center is located at [www.sjsu.edu/muse/peermentor](http://www.sjsu.edu/muse/peermentor).

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**Section 1, Course Number 41241**  
**Course Schedule**

*This schedule is subject to change with fair notice via messages sent through MySJSU.*

**Table 1 Course Schedule**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines</b>
1	Aug 25	Introduction; Read Chapters 1 and 2
2	Aug 30, Sept 1	Economics of Urban Areas and Global Urbanization; Schools of Thought; Location Theory; Read Chapters 3 and 4
3	Sept 6, 8	Location Theory; Read Chapter 5
4	Sept 13, 15	Economic Function of Cities; Read Chapter 6
5	Sept 20, 22	Central Concepts in Urban Economics; Urban Location Patterns; Read Chapter 7
6	Sept 27, 29	The Monocentric City Model
7	Oct 4, 6	The Monocentric City Model; Empirical Testing of the Monocentric City Model; Read Chapter 8; midterm exam posted
8	Oct 11, 13	Empirical Testing of the Monocentric City Model; Housing in Urban Areas; midterm exam due; Read Chapter 10
9	Oct 18, 20	Housing in Urban Areas; Housing Policy; Read Chapter 11
10	Oct 25, 27	Housing Policy; Read Chapter 14
11	Nov 1, 3	Public Sector Economics
12	Nov 8, 10	Public Sector Economics; Urban Infrastructure; Read Chapter 15
13	Nov 15, 17	Urban Infrastructure; Read Chapter 16
14	Nov 22	Urban Transportation
15	Nov 29, Dec 1	Urban Transportation

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16	Dec 6, 8	Urban Transportation
Final Exam	Dec 12 Exam posted; Dec 15 5pm Exam due	Online