

0IECOX10 (S1) & 0IECOY07 (S2) – Regional and Urban Economics

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Department: International affairs

Semester: 1 & 2

Course level: L3 Undergraduate

Domain: Economics (+ Management / Business / Geography)

Teaching language: English

Number of in-class hours: 33

Number of course sessions: 10 + Exam

ECTS: 6

Course description and objectives

The aim of the course is to provide analysis on regional and urban economics. The course addresses several issues such as households' and firms' location strategies, urban development, urban policies, local taxation, urban transport, real estate prices and sustainable city projects. The course provides the student a strong theoretical analysis of regional and urban development mechanisms but also covers important empirical work, with several examples and study cases.

Prerequisites

The students that can follow this course may come from different fields such as economics, management, business administration, political sciences, mathematics, sociology, geography, regional studies.

Learning outcomes

- Identify the economic forces and principles which explain why cities exist.
- Define the location choices of firms.
- Explain how land and housing markets function.
- Describe location equilibriums.
- Identify urban policy issues and outcomes.
- Identify urban environmental issues

Assignments and grading

- 50% of the grade comes from group work on a given topic and the presentation of its outcome.
- 50% of the grade comes from a final exam.

The numerical grade distribution will dictate the final grade. The passing grade for a course is 10/20.

Class participation: Active class participation – this is what makes classes lively and instructive. Come on time and prepared. Class participation is based on quality of comments, not quantity.

Exam policy: In the exam, students will not be allowed to bring any document (except if allowed by the lecturer). Unexcused absences from exams or failure to submit cases will result in zero grades in the calculation of numerical averages. Exams are collected at the end of examination periods.

Course structure

Session	Topic
1	Introduction

2	History of urban economics
3	Theories of location
4	Theories of location
5	Urban sprawl – measures and examples
6	History of urban planning and architecture
7	Urban policies - taxation
8	Urban policies – land competition
9	Regional and urban transports
10	Environment and sustainable city
11	Final Exam

Bibliography

It is quite hard to provide references for such a course which studies all aspects of urban and regional economics. Interesting books are the following :

- P. McCann, Urban and Regional Economics, 2001, Oxford University Press
- P. McCann, Modern Urban and Regional Economics, 2013, Oxford University Press
- A. O.Sullivan, Urban Economics, Latest Edition, McGraw and Hill.

Moodle

This course is on Moodle: **Yes**

Academic integrity

Be aware of the rules in Université Paris Dauphine about plagiarism and cheating during exams. All work turned in for this course must be your own work, or that of your own group. Working as part of a group implies that you are an active participant and fully contributed to the output produced by that group.