

SYLLABUS
URBAN STUDIES 301
URBAN SPATIAL SYSTEMS
Spring Semester 2004

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Course Description: This course focuses on:

Evolution and changing form of the metropolitan region, the linkages among cities, their neighborhoods and suburbs, and the relationships of these components of metropolitan areas to the regional economies of which they are a part.

Major questions addressed are?

1. What determines the location pattern of urban places and urban regions within nations and geographical regions?
2. What is meant by a system of cities/metropolitan areas/regions across space?
3. What are the relationships of cities/metropolitan areas/regions one to another?
4. What is a hierarchy of cities?
5. What determines resource and commodity flows among economic regions?
6. What determines the spatial distribution of economic and social space within urban areas?
7. What is the role of market forces in shaping the urban landscape?
8. What is the importance of these market forces?
9. Do market forces always result in the “highest and best use” or urban space?
10. What are public tools for shaping and reshaping urban space?
 - Economic development tools
 - Land use tools
 - How effective are these tools?

Text: John P. Blair, *Local Economic Development: Analysis and Practice*

Project: Students must complete a class project addressing issues in the changing spatial structure of urban areas. A one-page project proposal must be submitted by February 10th and approved by the instructor.

Evaluation:	First Exam	March 10	25%
	Final Exam	May 12	25%
	Class Project		30%
	Class Presentation		10%
	Class attendance and participation		10%

Policies: Students are expected to attend class, participate in the class discussion, and take exams at the scheduled times. The material discussed in class will be covered on the exams.

Resource: Copies of power point presentations will be placed on the web in the Levin College intranet. Go to the N drive, click on the Ledebur folder, and go into the UST 301 folder. On the internet, go to <ftp://urban.csuohio.edu/utility>, click on Ledebur, and then on US 301.

ASSIGNMENTS

January 21	Introduction of Urban Spatial Systems
January 28	Preface Chapter 1: Economic Development and Market Logic
February 4	Chapter 2: Three Fundamental and Recurring Issues
February 11	Chapter 3: Business Location, Expansion and Retention
February 18	Chapter 4: Market Areas and Economic Development Strategies Project proposal due
February 25	Chapter 5: Understanding Economic Structure
March 3	Chapter 6: Regional Growth and Development
March 10	Exam
March 17	Spring Break. No Class

March 24	Chapter 7: Additional Tools and Perspectives on Economic Growth Chapter 8: Issues in Economic Development Practice
March 31	Chapter 9: Resource and Commodity Flows
April 7	Chapter 10: Land Use
April 14	Chapter 11: Housing and Neighborhood Development
April 21	Chapter 12: Metropolitan Government and Finance Chapter 13: Planning, Futures Studies and Development Policy
April 28	Class Project Presentations
May 5	Class Project Presentations
May 12	Final Exam