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Economics 180 URBAN ECONOMICS

The course will provide students with a conceptual framework to understand the forces shaping the Sacramento region economic base, its growth and land use. In particular, the course will provide students with an understanding of the various analytical economic tools used by urban economist and planners, e.g., economic base model, input-output analysis, fiscal impact analysis, market analysis and economic impact analysis. In addition, the course will examine various regional urban problems, e.g., growth controls, crime, transportation, etc.

Grading

Three or four essay examinations will be given during the semester. Your grade will be determined by your performance on the examinations and on the exercises and assignments you turn in.

Internet Assignments

Students will be required to use the Internet to access data and information sources.

Assignment 1: Obtain census socioeconomic data on Sacramento and your zip code.

Due Date: Second Wednesday of the semester. Census information can be found at www.census.gov/serviet/BasicFactsServlet.html and limited information at American Community Survey www.census.gov/acs/www
Economic information can be obtained at:

www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html

Students are expected to read the *Sacramento Bee* www.ajr.newlink.org/daym.html to be knowledgeable and informed about regional urban problems and issues.

Also you will want to familiarize yourself with the following websites:

State of California, Employment and Development www.calmis.cahwet.gov

U.S. Census Bureau www.census.gov

The Great Valley Center www.valleyvision.org

Valley Vision www.valleyvision.org

A host of other websites concerning California and planning issues are:

www.calfutures.org

www.scancentral.org/sprawl/

Sacramento SmarthGrowth Network Link

Land Information Access Association www.liaa.org

www.lib.berkeley.edu/ENVI/calplan.html

Reading Assignments

The Development of the City

O'Sullivan, chapters 1-6

Read H.P. Johnson, "A State of Diversity," *California Counts*, 3(5) May 2002

Public Policy Institute of California www.ppic.org

Exercise 1: Market Analysis: The Provision of the Optimal Amount of Public Services and **Handout 1**

Exercise 2: Input-Output Analysis and **Handout 2**

Exercise 3: Fiscal Impact Analysis and **Handout 3**

Exercise 4: Economic Base/Impact Analysis (to be discussed in class)

TEST 1 and 2

The Economics of Urban Land Use

O'Sullivan, chapters 7-9

TEST 3

Land Use Controls

O'Sullivan, chapter 10

Assignment 2: Sacramento County's Urban Growth Area and Line

You are to understand the rationale of Sacramento County's Urban Growth Area.

Information on this subject can be obtained by reading the *Final EIR Deer Creek Hills* found in the Reserve Book Room. Read pages 4.1-1 to 4.1-25

Princetl, "The Regional Management of Growth in California: A History of Failure," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, June 1994 (on reserve)

Bruce Katz (ed), *Reflections on Regionalism*. Read one chapter: chapters 4 (Fishman, "The Death and Life of American Regional Planning) and 5 (Weir, Coalition Building for Regionalism) on reserve

Assignment 3: What is SACOG? www.sacog.org

Access and read the *Sacramento Bee* has published articles on regional planning issues, e.g., the series entitled "Growth Pains." "Natomas Land Use Discipline, etc.,

What is LAFCO? www.calafco.org/laftco.htm

www.co.sacramento.ca.us/slafco/

Calftures, "Beyond Sprawl: The Dark Side of the American Dream," which can be obtained at:

www.calftures.org/resources/resources_studies.html.

www.greenbelt.org

Other websites providing information on sprawl are:

www.plannersweb.com/sprawl/sprawl1.html

www.planning.org/info/sprawl.htm

www.urbanfutures.org

www.sprawlwtch.org/ugb.html

For information on Oregon's land use planning check out one of the following sites:

darkwing.uoregon.edu/~pppm/landuse/land_use.html

www.icd.state.or.us

<http://friends.org>

Access the links to publications, questions/answers, overview, urban growth boundary

Transportation

O'Sullivan, chapters 11-12

SACOG www.sacog.org to access the transportation and air quality links.

Sacramento Mobility data <http://mobility.tamu.edu>

Surface Transportation Policy Project, "Beyond Gridlock: Meeting Californias

Transportation Needs for the Twenty-First Century www.transact.org

Urban Problems: Household Sorting

O'Sullivan, chapter 13

Urban Problems: Urban Poverty

O'Sullivan, chapter 14

"Trends in Family and Household Poverty," *California Counts* 1(3), May 2000

www.ppic.org

Sacramento Bee do a search on "poverty."

New York Times series on race <http://NYtimes.com/race>

Urban Problems: Education

O'Sullivan, chapter 15

Sacramento Bee search on education and read the 5 part series titled "Hard Lessons," at

www.sacbee.com/news/projects/hard_lessons/part1a.html

PPIC has two publication you should read:

"Equal Resources, Equal Outcomes? The Distribution of School Resources and Student Achievement in California," summary and chapter 1

"For Better or Worse? School Finance Reform in California," introduction and chapter 11.

Urban Problems: Crime

O'Sullivan, chapter 16

Sacramento Bee, special report on crime Read all the articles in this series.

www.sacbee.com/news/projects/crime/index.html

Use the crime statistics 4-digit map of your address

Housing

O'Sullivan, chapters 17-18

PPIC, "Who Pays for Development Fees and Exactions?" June 1997.

Cal Futures, "California at Bottom in National Affordable Housing Report

www.calfutures.org/resource/rsource_studies.html

Local Government

O'Sullivan, chapters 19-20

PPIC, "From Home Rule to Fiscal Rule: Taking a Measure of Local Government Finance in California," May 2000. Read summary, pages 24-47 and summary

www.ppic.org

PPIC, "The State-Local Fiscal Relationship in California: A Changing Balance of Power, 1999," Read summary cited in the the above publication and pages 13-14.

PPIC, "California Cities and the Local Sales Tax," 1999. A summary can be found in "From Home Rule to Fiscal Rule.