Course requirements include assignments, a presentation, and a paper.

Grade: paper 25%; assignments 55%; class presentations and participation 20%.

1 required reading
2 papers for presentation

A) The Geographic Organization of Economic Activity

1. Residential Location Theory


2. Spillovers, Externalities, Social Interactions

   a) Production externalities


   b) Race


2 Grugan J. “Desegregation and Black Dropout Rates.” American Economic Review 2004, 919-943. [also Baum-Snow project]


c) Neighborhoods effects (no neighborhood sorting)


3. Urbanization and Systems of Cities


4. Empirical Work (urban growth, size distributions, sorting and externalities, migration)

a) Urban growth, size distributions, externalities


b) Location and sorting


2 Munshi K. and N. Wilson, “Identity, Parochial Institutions, and Occupational Choice”, Nov 2007 mimeo

B. Urban Issues

1) Housing

a) Housing models


2 Brueckner, J. and S. Rosenthal, “Gentrification and Neighborhood Housing Cycles”, Syracuse University mimeo


b) Hedonics and sorting


c) Land use regulation


2) Environmental Regulation


3) Local Public Finance


