

San José State University
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics
ECON 165, Regional Economics, Fall 2021

Course and Contact Information

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Classroom:	DMH 166
Prerequisites:	ECON 1A or ECON 1B or instructor consent.

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU at <http://my.sjsu.edu> to learn of any updates.

Course Description

The economic structure of a region, including the economic base and its relation to industries serving the local market, the relationships among the subregions and the location of industry.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

PLO 4: Apply the concepts microeconomic analysis and international economic theory to urban problems and to a variety of public policy issues that arise in an urban context. This course relates most closely to PLO4: Specialist Area – Public Policy

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- CLO1: Correctly apply location theory to households and firms;
- CLO2: Explain the structure of regions, and the regional implications of transportation systems;
- CLO3: Analyze the role of scale economies in regional analysis;
- CLO4: Analyze the role of externalities in regional analysis;
- CLO5: Evaluate the spatial aspects of competition
- CLO6: Discuss fiscal issues related to regions and systems of cities;
- CL07: Apply the Core-Periphery Model to issues of regional policy.

Required Texts/Readings

Philip McCann,

Course Requirements and Assignments

Assignments include timely completion of reading assignments, attendance at lectures, and completion of exams. These activities promote an understanding of the concepts underpinning urban economics.

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

Grading Information and Determination of Grades

Grades will be determined by the following scheme:

- Mid-Term Exam 1 – 25%
- Mid-Term Exam 2 – 25%
- Final Exam – 25%
- PackBack Discussion Score – 25%

Determination of Grades

A+	100-97%
A	96-93%
A-	92-90%
B+	89-87%
B	86-83%
B-	82-80%
C+	79-77%
C	76-73%
C-	72-70%
D+	69-67%
D	66-63%
D-	62-60%
F	59-0%

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.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>"

ECON 165 / Regional Economics, Fall 2021, Course Schedule

This schedule is subject to change with fair notice via messages sent through MySJSU. See calendar posted to course website for exact dates.

Course Schedule

Date	Assignment
23-Aug	Introduction to Regional Economics
25-Aug	McCann Chapter 1
30-Aug	Basic concepts
1-Sep	Basic concepts continued
8-Sep	Basic concepts continued
13-Sep	Scale economies Modeling scale economies and
15-Sep	transportation
17-Sep	PackBack discussion due
20-Sep	McCann Chapter 2
22-Sep	McCann Chapter 2 continued
24-Sep	PackBack discussion due
27-Sep	Census software
29-Sep	Census software continued
30-Sep	Exam 1 posted
1-Oct	PackBack discussion due
3-Oct	Exam 1 due
4-Oct	McCann Chapter 3
6-Oct	McCann Chapter 3 continued
8-Oct	PackBack discussion due
11-Oct	McCann Chapter 3 continued
13-Oct	McCann Chapter 4
15-Oct	PackBack discussion due
18-Oct	McCann Chapter 4 continued
20-Oct	McCann Chapter 4 continued
22-Oct	PackBack discussion due
25-Oct	McCann Chapter 5
27-Oct	McCann Chapter 5 continued
28-Oct	Exam 2 posted
29-Oct	PackBack discussion due
31-Oct	Exam 2 due
1-Nov	McCann Chapter 5 continued
3-Nov	Core-Periphery Models
5-Nov	PackBack discussion due
8-Nov	Core-Periphery Models continued

10-Nov McCann Chapter 8
15-Nov McCann Chapter 8 continued
19-Nov PackBack discussion due
22-Nov NO CLASS MEETING
29-Nov McCann Chapter 9
1-Dec McCann Chapter 9 continued
3-Dec PackBack discussion due
6-Dec Regional Policy Analysis
9-Dec Final Exam posted
12-Dec Final Exam due

4/7/20	PERSONAL HOLIDAY (NO CLASS MEETING)
4/9/20	Household Location
4/14/20	Household Location (continued)
4/16/20	Household Location (continued)
4/21/20	Core-Periphery Models
4/23/19	Core-Periphery Models (continued)
4/28/20	Core-Periphery Models (continued)
4/30/20	Core-Periphery Models (continued)
5/5/20	Core-Periphery Models (continued)
5/7/20	Course Summary and Evaluation
5/13/20	Final Exam posted by 9am
5/17/20	Final Exam and Book/Chapter Reprot due by 11:59pm