

ECONOMICS 374 - Fall 2017

Regional Economic Growth

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Prerequisites: Econ 111 – Principles of Microeconomics

Text: Modern Urban and Regional Economics, Philip McCann, Oxford (Second Edition).

Course Description: Factors that promote and/or hinder regional economic and business growth. Geographical distribution of resources and spatial ordering of industrial and commercial activities. Patterns of trade among regional and urban areas; regional business cycles. Patterns of land use and values in regions and urban areas.

Evaluation and Grades: Grades are determined by the total points earned on three equally weighted exams and an independent research project.

Exams (75% of final grade): Each exam will consist of two parts. Part one will consist of 24 multiple choice questions worth 2.5 points each (total 60). Part two will consist of four problem solving/short-answer questions worth 10 points each (total 40); exam total 100 points. There will be no make-up exams given after the exam has been given in class. If, due to a university sanctioned event or activity, you have a conflict with a scheduled exam you must notify me at least 7 days before the test is given. If you are seriously ill or a major emergency arises you must notify me in advance if at all possible. Any student who has not taken the exam with his/her section, or has failed to notify me in advance will be assigned a score of zero for that exam.

Research Project (25% of final grade): Each student will pursue an independent research project in the regional economics field (total 100). Part one will consist of formulating a research question (total 25). Part two will consist of collecting and analyzing the data (total 25). The third part will consist of writing a 5-10 page research paper (total 50). It is expected that you will work closely with me at each stage.

Weighted Score / 100	Grade
[0,60)	F
[60,70)	D
[70,80)	C
[80,90)	B
[90,100]	A

+: ≥ 7 ; -: < 3

Students with Disabilities: Students with learning or other disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services during the first two weeks of the semester if they wish to request accommodation.

Religious Beliefs: Religious beliefs will be accommodated according to UWS 22.03 as long as the student notifies me of the specific days or dates within the first three weeks of the beginning of classes.

Student Rights and Responsibilities: UWS/UWSP Student Academic Standards and Disciplinary Procedures: <http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Documents/CommunityRights.pdf>.

COURSE OUTLINE

- **Part I - Urban and Regional Economic Models and Methods**

Chapter 1 - Industrial location: the location of the firm in theory

Chapter 2 - Agglomeration and clustering

Chapter 3 - The spatial distribution of activities

****Exam 1 - October 9th****

- **Part I - Continued**

Chapter 4 - The spatial structure of the urban economy

Chapter 5 - Regional specialization, trade, and multiplier analysis

Chapter 6 - Regional and interregional labour market analysis

Chapter 7 - Regional growth, factor allocation, and balance of payments

****Exam 2 - November 20th****

- **Part II - Globalization: Cities, Regions, and Economic Policy**

Chapter 8 - Economic geography and economic history

Chapter 9 - Cities and regions in the modern global economy

Final Exam - December 20th, 8:00-10:00

****Dates for Exams 1 & 2 are Tentative****