



Department of Economics
Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2007
Course:	Economics 365 [Regional Economics]	Section:	01
Time:	MWF 13:00 – 13:50	Place:	ST 132 (subject to change)
Instructor:	P. R. Tracey		
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Textbook(s):

Charles Fishman, *The Wal-Mart Effect*. Penguin Books, 2006. **Required.**
Jane Jacobs, *Dark Age Ahead*. Vintage Canada, 2005. **Required.**

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

Blackboard:

Students who are registered in this course can log in at <https://blackboard/webapps/login/>
Please note that Blackboard features a class e-mail list that I will use. It is your responsibility to ensure that Blackboard uses the e-mail address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Outline: (Some topics may be added or deleted depending on time constraints.)

1. Why Do Cities Exist?
2. Why Do Firms Cluster?
3. City Size
4. Urban Land Rent
5. Land-Use Patterns
6. Neighborhood Choice

7. Zoning and Growth Controls

8. Externalities from Autos

9. Mass Transit

10. Crime

11. The Role of Local Government

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Midterm	30%	October 29, 2007
Assignment	20%	November 5, 2007 – Late assignment will not be accepted.
Final Examination	50%	Scheduled by Registrar – 2 Hours

Each student must work in a group, consisting of either 3 or 4 students, to complete the assignment. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a grade of “0” being assigned. Only one assignment will be submitted by the scribe of each group. The assignment is due at the beginning of the lecture on the due date. Late assignments will not be accepted.

The midterm exam will be held in class on the date indicated. The time and location of the final exam, which will be two hours in length, will be scheduled by the Registrar’s Office. Exam questions will not consist of multiple choice questions. The use of a simple non-programmable calculator during exams is permitted. Business calculators, scientific calculators, graphing calculators, etc. are not permitted.

The midterm exam, assignment, and the final exam are marked on a numerical basis. The grades are then added using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	97 - 100	B	79 - 83	C-	62 - 66
A	92 - 96	B-	76 - 78	D+	57 - 61
A-	89 - 91	C+	73 - 75	D	50 - 56
B+	84 - 88	C	67 - 72	F	0 - 49

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, at the instructor's discretion, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T: I assume that the reason you are attending my class is to endeavour to acquire an understanding of Regional Economics. It has been my experience that this task is made much easier and far more enjoyable for all involved (including me) if we can maintain a relaxed but respectful atmosphere in the classroom. For my part, maintaining such an atmosphere requires

that I be respectful of your time, your questions, and your concerns. I will, therefore, strive to be on time for lectures and office hours, answer your questions in class as well as I can, and listen to your concerns. For your part, maintaining a respectful atmosphere requires that you avoid being late for class, that you refrain from leaving before the lecture ends, that you not talk when either I am speaking or one of your classmates is speaking, and that your cell phones are turned off during the class.

Notes:

1. Make-up midterm exams and deferred midterm exams will not be given. Deferred final examinations do not have to cover the same material or have the same format as the regular final examination.
2. Examinations will not be given prior to the scheduled date.
3. Students will not be given extra time to complete the test and the final exam.
4. Students should be aware of the academic regulations outlined in The University of Calgary Calendar.
5. Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor within 15 days of work being returned to class; however, the earliest that grades will be discussed will be two days after the return of an assignment or examination.
6. Students will be responsible for all material listed on the course outline, regardless of whether or not the material has been covered in class, unless the instructor notifies the class that the material will not be covered.
7. Please note that the following types of emails will receive no response: emails not addressed to anyone in particular; emails where the recipient's name is not spelled correctly; anonymous emails; emails which do not specify the course and section in which you are registered; and, emails involving questions that are specifically addressed on the course outline.
8. It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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