

URBAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY
UPPP 110
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Course Description

Some cities prosper, but many others fail to attract new investment or to expand their economic bases. Why does such variation exist? What drives (or constrains) urban economic growth and/or development? How can we attain economic prosperity more effectively? This course is designed to provide an opportunity for students to examine these questions and understand the complex nature of urban economic development by exploring various development policies and their implementation. Emphasis is placed on both theoretical and practical aspects of urban economic development.

Course Objectives

It is expected that every student will acquire the knowledge in

- Concepts of economic growth/development and relevant theoretical issues
- Key drivers and constraints of contemporary economic development
- Rationales for government interventions
- Various economic development strategies, including both traditional programs and relatively new policy instruments

Course Materials:

Real-world examples as well as other course materials prepared by the instructor will be used to facilitate this learning process. Furthermore, adequate time and opportunity for discussion will be provided. Therefore, students are responsible for completing the assigned readings on time and coming to class prepared to participate in discussions. Please be advised that this course does not use a single textbook. Instead, a collection of journal articles, book chapters, and web resources will be employed (see p. 5~7). All readings and other materials will be available on our course website.