Course Description: This course focuses on:

Evolution and changing form of the metropolitan region, the linkages among cities, their neighborhoods and suburbs, and the relationships of these components of metropolitan areas to the regional economies of which they are a part.

Major questions addressed:
1. Why do cities exist?
2. Where do firms locate?
3. What drives urban economic growth and decline?
4. What determines the spatial distribution of economic and social space?
5. What is the role of market forces in shaping the urban landscape?
6. What is the importance of these market forces?
7. Do market forces always result in the “highest and best use” of urban space?
8. What are public tools for shaping and reshaping urban space?

The following urban issues are also addressed:
1. Urban transportation
2. Household sorting by education, income and race
3. Urban poverty
4. Urban education
5. Urban crime
6. Housing and housing policies
7. Local government spending and local government revenues


Project: Students must complete a class project addressing issues in the changing spatial structure of urban areas. A one-page project proposal must be submitted by February 22rd and approved by the instructor.
Evaluation:  
First Exam     March 1     25%
Final Exam     May 10     25%
Class Project  May 20     30%
Class Presentation  May 25     10%
Class attendance and participation May 30     10%

Policies:  
Students are expected to attend class, participate in the class discussion, and take exams at the scheduled times. The material discussed in class will be covered on the exams.

Resource:  
Copies of PowerPoint presentations will be placed on the Levin College intranet. On the N drive, click on the Ledebur folder, and go into the UST 301 folder. On the internet, go to [ftp://urban.csuohio.edu/utility](ftp://urban.csuohio.edu/utility), click on Ledebur, and then on UST 301.

ASSIGNMENTS

January 18  
Chapter 1: Introduction: The Role of Cities in the Economy

January 25  
Appendix: Tools of Microeconomics  
Chapter 2: Why Do Cities Exist?

February 1  
Chapter 3: Big and Small Cities  
Chapter 4: Where Do Firms Locate?

February 8  
Chapter 5: Market Areas and Central Place Theory  
Chapter 6: Urban Economic Growth

February 15  
Chapter 7: Introduction to Land Rent  
Chapter 8: Land Use in the Monocentric City

February 22  
Chapter 9: Land Use in Modern Cities  
Review  
[Project proposal due](#)

March 1  
Exam

March 8  
Chapter 10: Land Use and Zoning  
Chapter 11: Autos and Highways

March 15  
Spring Break. No Class

March 22  
Chapter 12: Mass Transit  
Chapter 13: Household Sorting
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