COURSE DETAIL

URBAN ECONOMICS
Country China
Host Institution Fudan University
Program(s) Fudan University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Economics
UCEAP Course Number 125
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title URBAN ECONOMICS
UCEAP Transcript Title URBAN ECONOMICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

Economic activity is highly unevenly distributed across space, as reflected by the existence of cities. In 2018, about 831 million Chinese people crowded together in the urban part, accounting for 1 percent of the country’s land. Cities have been engines of growth. Cities are also filled with things to see, buy, taste, and learn. However, density also means congestion, makes living and commuting costly, and concentrates exposure to pollution and disease. This course aims to teach students how to apply the latest thinking and research in urban economics to analyze a series of topics related to urbanization in China and other urban-related issues worldwide. Students will learn how economists think about cities. We will explore why cities exist as they do, the natures, determinants, and impacts of geographic organization of economic activities, and a variety of urban policy issues such as the household registration system (*hukou*), the reforms in land and housing markets, urban land-use policies, transportation infrastructure investment, city and environment, spatial arrangements of educational resources, neighborhood transitions, and place-based policies. Students will learn about urban economic theory and analysis of empirical data sets in the context of addressing important urban-related questions. Empirical examples will be taken primarily from China, the United States, and some European countries. After taking this course, students will comprehensively understand the standard urban theory and empirical evidence on various important applied urban topics. This course will prepare students with many of the necessary tools to undertake their research in urban economics and related fields.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
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