COURSE DETAIL

URBAN ECONOMICS: KEY DRIVERS OF CITY DEVELOPMENT
Country Germany
Host Institution Free University of Berlin
Program(s) Berlin Summer
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Urban Studies Economics
UCEAP Course Number 110
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title URBAN ECONOMICS: KEY DRIVERS OF CITY DEVELOPMENT
UCEAP Transcript Title URBAN ECONOMICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

Why do cities exist? Why do firms cluster? Why is economic activity not equally distributed across space? This course addresses the central questions of why cities emerge, what roles cities will continue to play in the economy, and what determines the rise and fall of cities. Technically, the course provides an introduction to the field of urban economics. It focuses on stylized facts, basic microeconomic concepts, and empirical applications. Special
attention is paid to social problems in cities, including housing, public transit, crime, and the role of local governments. The course aims to make students familiar with economic tools and concepts useful for the analysis of urban issues. More generally, students learn to apply economic theory to real-world problems. A special focus is placed on evidence and examples from Berlin. With its long and vibrant history, Berlin provides an excellent environment to study and explore various features of the economics of cities. Field trips allow participants to learn more about the past and the future of cities, their functions, their internal spatial structure, and their dynamics.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
3.20

Host Institution Course Title
URBAN ECONOMICS: KEY DRIVERS OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

Host Institution Course Details
https://www.fubis.org/2_prog/term_3/syllabi/Nitsch_Urban-Economics_Syllabus_en_...

Host Institution Campus
FUBiS- Track B

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
Course Last Reviewed 2025-2026

Print