This course will build on the material presented in Economics 281A by exploring a number of additional topics in urban economics. The course will follow a lecture format, drawing on the articles from the following reading list. The articles are available on-line via the hyperlinks below. Because the underlying hyperlinks for the articles are long, simply clicking on the colored text won’t work. Instead, highlight the entire article title, then right click and select “open hyperlink.” The reading list also includes a few chapters from my textbook, Lectures on Urban Economics. This book is mainly aimed at an undergraduate audience, but the assigned readings provide helpful background. The course requirement is a take-home final exam.

I. Freeway Congestion

Brueckner, J., Lectures on Urban Economics, Ch. 5.

II. Land-Use Controls

Brueckner, J., Lectures on Urban Economics, Ch. 4, sections 4.5-4.6.

III. Rent Control

Brueckner, J., Lectures on Urban Economics, Ch. 7, section 7.2.


IV. Homelessness

Brueckner, J., *Lectures on Urban Economics*, Ch. 7, section 7.3.


V. Spatial Mismatch


VI. Uncertainty and the Urban Development Process


VII. Housing in the Portfolio


**VIII. Mortgage Default**


**IX. Measuring Urban Quality-of-Life**

Brueckner, J., *Lectures on Urban Economics*, Ch. 11.

**X. Social Interactions and Neighborhood Effects**


**XI. Behavioral Effects of Urban Sprawl**


**XII. Energy Usage in Cities**


**XIII. Quantitative Urban Models**