**San José State University**

# College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics ECON 165, Regional Economics, Fall 2024

## Course and Contact Information

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**In-person Office Hours** will be available in my office DMH 138 on campus at SJSU on a first come-first served basis on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays between 11am and 11:50am**.

Bookable (via Google Calendar) **Online** (via Zoom) **Office Hours** will be available on a first come-first served basis in 15-minute slots on **Wednesdays between 9:45am and 11:45am** and again between **1:15pm and 2:30pm.** Appointments should be made 24 hours in advance of proposed meeting (I will confirm the meeting by email).

**Other days or times** are also available by mutual agreement.

BOOKINGS PAGE <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/appointments/schedules/AcZssZ0EcLqbGCNzH1-8DCd9SpnKAp687iz-iNfXDnQAmD4XVwS-3ne4TArMOXu4KSVyckP7D2jg7YZ->

Class Days/Time: Tues & Thurs 1500-1615

Classroom: DMH 165

Prerequisites: ECON 1A or ECON 1B or instructor consent.

## Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Leaning Management System course login website at [http://sjsu.instructure.com.](http://sjsu.instructure.com/) You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU at [http://my.sjsu.edu](http://my.sjsu.edu/) to learn of any updates*.*

## Course Description

The economic structure of a region, including the economic base and its relation to industries serving the local market, the relationships among the subregions and the location of industry.

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

PLO 4: Apply the concepts microeconomic analysis and international economic theory to urban problems and to a variety of public policy issues that arise in an urban context. This course relates most closely to PLO4: Specialist Area – Public Policy

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1: Correctly apply location theory to households and firms;

CLO2: Explain the structure of regions, and the regional implications of transportation systems; CLO3: Analyze the role of scale economies in regional analysis;

CLO4: Analyze the role of externalities in regional analysis; CLO5: Evaluate the spatial aspects of competition

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CLO6: Discuss fiscal issues related to regions and systems of cities; CL07: Apply the Core-Periphery Model to issues of regional policy.

## Required Texts/Readings/Materials

## *Empirical Regional Economics: Economic Base Theory, Models and Applications*, by Richard S. Conway, Jr., Springer Publishers, ISBN 978-3-030-76645-0

## PackBack Access

## Course Requirements and Assignments

Assignments include timely completion of reading assignments, attendance at lectures, and completion of exams. These activities promote an understanding of the concepts underpinning urban economics.

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

## Grading Information and Determination of Grades

Grades will be determined by the following scheme:

* Mid-Term Exam 1 – 25%
* Mid-Term Exam 2 – 25%
* Final Exam – 25%
* PackBack Discussion Score – 25%

**Determination of Grades**

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| A+ | 100-97% |
| A | 96-93% |
| A- | 92-90% |
| B+ | 89-87% |
| B | 86-83% |
| B- | 82-80% |
| C+ | 79-77% |
| C | 76-73% |
| C- | 72-70% |
| D+ | 69-67% |
| D | 66-63% |
| D- | 62-60% |
| F | 59-0% |

## CLASSROOM PROTOCOL

Each student is responsible for all material covered in class lectures, assigned readings from the textbooks and related articles, as well as all other problems or assignments given in class.

Attendance: regular attendance throughout the semester is expected and will greatly improve your performance and your grade in the class.

Class Behavior: all students are expected to treat their fellow students and the instructor with respect. This is absolutely essential for creating an environment conductive to learning and the exchange of ideas.

## University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ Syllabus Information web page at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>”

*This schedule is subject to change with fair notice via messages sent through MySJSU. See calendar posted to course website for exact dates.*

# ECON 165 / Regional Economics, Fall 2024, Course Schedul

## Course Schedule

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| Date | Assignment |
| 22-Aug | Course Administration & Introduction to Urban Economics Lectures 1a + 1b |
| 23-Aug | PB TOPIC ZERO POSTED |
| 27-Aug | Introduction to Regional Economics (con'd); ERE Chapter 1 |
| 29-Aug | ERE Chapter 1 (continued) |
| 30-Aug | PB TOPIC ZERO DUE; PB TOPIC 1 POSTED |
| 3-Sep | ERE Chapter 2 |
| 5-Sep | ERE Chapter 2 con'd |
| 6-Sep | PB TOPIC 1 DUE; PB TOPIC 2 POSTED |
| 10-Sep | ERE Chapter 3 |
| 12-Sep | ERE Chapter 3 con'd |
| 13-Sep | PB TOPIC 2 DUE; PB TOPIC 3 POSTED; |
| 17-Sep | Last Day to Add Courses & Register Late; ERE Chapter 3 (con'd) |
| 19-Sep | ERE Chapter 3 (con'd) |
| 20-Sep | PB TOPIC 3 DUE; PB TOPIC 4 POSTED |
| 24-Sep | ERE Chapter 4 |
| 25-Sep | Exam 1 posted by 9am |
| 26-Sep | ERE Chapter 4 (con'd) |
| 27-Sep | PB TOPIC 4 DUE; PB TOPIC 5 POSTED; |
| 30-Sep | Exam 1 Due by 11:59pm |
| 1-Oct | ERE Chapter 4 (con'd) |
| 3-Oct | ERE Chapter 4 (con'd) |
| 4-Oct | PB TOPIC 5 DUE; PB TOPIC 6 POSTED; |
| 8-Oct | ERE Chapter 5 (con'd) |
| 10-Oct | ERE Chapter 5 (con'd) |
| 11-Oct | PB TOPIC 6 DUE; PB TOPIC 7 POSTED |
| 15-Oct | ERE Chapter 5 (con'd) |
| 17-Oct | ERE Chapter 5 (con'd) |
| 18-Oct | PB TOPIC 7 DUE; PB TOPIC 8 POSTED |
| 22-Oct | ERE Chapter 6 |
| 24-Oct | ERE Chapter 6 |
| 25-Oct | PB TOPIC 8 DUE; PB TOPIC 9 POSTED |
| 29-Oct | ERE Chapter 6 |
| 31-Oct | ERE Chapter 6 |
| 1-Nov | PB TOPIC 9 DUE; PB TOPIC 10 POSTED |
| 5-Nov | Linear Programming 1 |
| 6-Nov | Exam 2 posted by 9am |
| 7-Nov | Linear Programming 2 |
| 8-Nov | PB TOPIC 10 DUE; PB TOPIC 11 POSTED; |
| 11-Nov | Exam 2 due by 11:59pm; Veteran’s Day - Campus Closed |
| 12-Nov | Linear Programming 3 |
| 14-Nov | Linear Programming 4; Transportation Analysis |
| 15-Nov | PB TOPIC 11 DUE; PB TOPIC 12 POSTED |
| 19-Nov | Transportation Analysis con'd |
| 21-Nov | Transportation Analysis con'd |
| 22-Nov | PB TOPIC 12 DUE |
| 26-Nov | PERSONAL HOLIDAY |
| 28-Nov | THANKSGIVING |
| 3-Dec | Transportation Analysis con'd |
| 5-Dec | Transportation Analysis con'd |
| 9-Dec | Last Day of Instruction - Last Day of Classes; Course Summary and Evaluation |
| 11-Dec | Exam 3 (Final Exam) posted by 9am |
| 16-Dec | Exam 3 (Final Exam) due by 11:59pm |