Course Description:
The US is a highly urbanized country with more than 80 percent of its population living in urban areas. The overarching question addressed in this course is what economic forces explain the spatial distribution of economic activities in metropolitan regions? The course addresses the economic forces that drive businesses and employment to agglomerate in the central business district; and households to reside on the outskirts of the city thereby, producing various land use patterns and spatial equilibrium. The course further considers the issues of rent variations by location, distribution of jobs, and households within a city, urban sprawl, urban transportation, education, crime, housing and the role of local government in urban management.

A focus of the course will be on international comparison between developed and developing countries and the use of spatial analysis and Geographic Information System (GIS) in addressing the analysis of urban problems.

Pre-requisites: Econ 100 or Econ 201
Date and Time: Tu and Th 2:30-3:45 pm, SGMH-1308