

Spatial Economics

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Syllabus

- Prerequisites: Microeconomics, Econometrics I
- Language: English
- Availability: annually (summer semester)
- Credible for (D)MSE
- Lecture (2 h per week) + Tutorial (2 h per week)
- Workload 150 h (including contact hours 60 h) $\equiv$ 5 ECTS
- 60-minutes written examination + presentation
- Slides and papers on StudON (password protected)
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Aim

- At the end of this course,
 - Students are able to describe and to internationally compare the regional patterns of major economic activities in terms of stylized facts.
 - Students are able to present, interpret, and discuss selected theories in regional and urban economics.
 - Students are able to assess empirical tests of selected hypotheses from theories in regional and urban economics to evaluate and critically examine their informative value.
 - Students are able to discuss and critically examine economic policy implications of selected theories in regional and urban economics.
 - Students will assess, evaluate and discuss selected recent research papers in English.

Contents

- Part I: Foundations
- Part II: Urban economics and transport costs
- Part III: Spatial externalities
- Part IV: Labor markets and space
- Part V: Amenities
- Part VI: Place-based policy

Some sources/organizations

- Bundesinstitut für Bau-, Stadt- und Raumforschung (BBSR) [Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development]: www.bbsr.bund.de
- Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung (BIB) [Federal Institute for Population Research]: www.bib-demografie.de
- Deutsches Institut für Urbanistik (DIFU) [German Institute of Urban Affairs]: www.difu.de
- Bayerisches Landesamt für Statistik und Datenverarbeitung:
www.statistik.bayern.de/regionalstatistik/
- Regionaldatenbank Deutschland der Statistische Ämter des Bundes und der Länder:
www.regionalstatistik.de
- EU Commission - Regional Policy: ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/

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