

SS 223 Urban Economics Course Learning Objectives

CLO 1: Apply theoretical perspectives to analyze everyday urban experiences.

CLO 2: Analyze urban economic problems using diverse secondary sources (e.g., planning documents, maps, journals, community interviews/discussions and newspaper.

CLO 3: Describe the operation of political structures, policy development, and governance processes in cities.

CLO 4: Analyze the interdependence of urban social, economic, and environmental issues with a focus on urban social justice, demonstrating analysis in case studies or community project work.

CLO 5: Evaluate and discuss urban policy impacts on communities, policy effectiveness and implications for social equity.

PREREQUISITE or COREQUISITE

English Comp I Students enrolled in this course will examine problems of urban economics, such as poverty, discrimination, housing, education, health, transportation, and crime, using Boston (especially the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods) as a case study. Additional topics include a brief overview of urban location theory and an examination of conservative, liberal, radical, and Black Nationalist economic theories in relation to the identification and solution of economic problems. The issues and problems of specific topics such as housing will be explored in class.