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Lunds Tekniska Högskola

Course syllabus

Urban ekonomi **Urban Economics**

VFTN10, 7,5 credits, A (Second Cycle)

Valid for: 2023/24

Faculty: Faculty of Engineering, LTH

Decided by: PLED L

Date of Decision: 2023-02-10

General Information

Elective for: L4-fr, L4-fe

Language of instruction: The course will be given in Swedish

Aim

Provide knowledge and methods to analyse the market force behind urban growth. The student should be equipped to understand and rationally explain episodes of exceptional urban change in Sweden.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

For a passing grade the student must

- be able to explain central result from the subjects of Urban Economics and The New Economic Geography
- be able to understand and explain the formation of economics clusters

Competences and skills

For a passing grade the student must

- be able to apply theories and model from Urban Economics and The New Economic Geography on issues of urban growth
- be able to analytically explain historical episodes of urban growth or stagnation

Judgement and approach

For a passing grade the student must

- be able to discuss the prerequisites for successful urban development

Contents

- The economic forces driving urban growth
- The rise and decline of land value
- The effect of externalities
- The effect of public regulation
- The localisation of housing
- Case studies of urban growth and development

Examination details

Grading scale: TH - (U,3,4,5) - (Fail, Three, Four, Five)

Assessment: Written exam plus assignment determines the final grade.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Admission

Admission requirements:

- VFTF01 Economics or VFTF35 Economics of the Built Environment

Assumed prior knowledge: VFT015 Real Estate Market OR VFTN50 Real Estate Market AND VFTA01 Urban Economics

The number of participants is limited to: No

Reading list

- O'Sullivan, A.: Urban Economics. McGraw-Hill. Latest edition.
- Supplementary literature.

Contact and other information

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