

Urban and Regional Economy

Second year module

The process of globalisation and European integration are creating new relationships between and within Europe's cities and regions as old economic activities are destroyed and new ones created. The challenge for cities and regions in the volatile international economy is to respond to increasing inter-locality competition for economic investment whilst addressing increased social polarisation and exclusion. This double module examines the problems faced by Europe's cities and regions and the role of local authorities, central governments and the European Union in influencing their economic development. The course is divided into four teaching blocks: Regional Development, Urban Regeneration, The Entrepreneurial City, The Sustainable City.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the module the student should be able to: Identify and evaluate the impact of international, national, regional and local variables on urban and regional economic development; Compare and contrast different theoretical models of urban and regional economic development; Explain disparities in economic performance between different cities and regions; Evaluate the potential contribution to urban and regional economic development of a variety of policy instruments; Recognise the advantages, disadvantages and dysfunctions of specific policy instruments; Formulate and justify criteria for selecting policy priorities in urban and regional economic development in different contexts (economic, political and social).

Assessment

One 2,500 word essay (50%) One 2hr exam (50%)

