

# HUMN 2053 THE ECONOMICS OF CITIES AND REGIONS

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101591

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**Description** 'Economics of cities and regions' introduces the major political-economic issues facing cities and regions. Class discussions investigate how political-economic forces (such as globalisation, structural change etc) shape the development of cities and regions. Class activities enable students to apply economic principles to urban and regional planning and policy decisions, and teach students to analyse the social and distributional impacts of policy and planning decisions.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Human Geography

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** LGYA 1283 - Urban Development Resource Allocation

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Critically evaluate the key political-economic challenges facing cities and regions
2. Explain the major political-economic trends and policies shaping urban and regional development in cities and regions
3. Perform simple spatial analyses using standard sources of basic local economic and social data

## Subject Content

1. The place of the economy in cities and regions
2. The urban economy
3. Logistics corridors
4. The regional economy
5. Economic sectors
6. Economic sectors (assignment)
7. Socio-spatial distributions
8. Alternate economies
9. Spatial economic drivers
10. Assignment 3 workshop activity
11. Spatialised economic networks
12. The role of the state
13. Integration: The case study of urban infrastructure (Optional class)

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Report	1000 words plus illustrations and references	30	N	Individual
Report	1000 words plus illustrations and references	40	N	Individual
Essay	1000 words plus illustrations and references	30	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

## Spring Penrith (Kingswood)

**Day**

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## Parramatta - Victoria Rd

**Day**

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