

BLDG 7006 FINANCING CITIES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101315

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Description Financing infrastructure to keep cities running and growing at a time when governments face new financial constraints is a key challenge for urban managers. In order to be able to contribute to the debate about financing cities it is important for future urban managers to develop a basic financial literacy, understand and draw on the options for financing essential urban functions in Australia cities and elsewhere, and assess the tensions involved in public and private financing pathways. This subject addresses these needs through both theoretical and practical approaches to the city as a set of flows within a wider urban network of relations. Students develop their understanding via interactive lectures, case studies, fieldwork exercises and assignments.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Urban Design and Regional Planning

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate financial literacy including knowledge of the makeup of public sector accounts at the scale of the city.
2. Examine the basic elements of infrastructure funding in the context of a city as a set of flows.
3. Synthesise analyses of infrastructure, economic functions and flows, employing relevant technical tools for data collection, analysis and mapping.
4. Critically evaluate and assess financial management of cities using efficiency, effectiveness and equity criteria.
5. Use efficiency, effectiveness and equity criteria to devise resolutions to the tensions in public and private options for the operation and control of urban functions.

Subject Content

The city as a set of flows

The city as a set of financial flows

Financing options in Australia and overseas

Models for evaluating financing options

The nature of public and private involvement in urban services and their financing

The construction of integrated models for financing cities

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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Critical Review	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	N
Critical Review	800 words	30	N	Individual	N
Report	2,000 words plus illustrations	40	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Spring (2024)

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

On-site

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