

Urban Economics

Study programme	YUFE Joint Bachelor in Urban Sustainability Studies
Academic year	2026/2027
Curriculum component	First year
Year and semester	1st year, semester 1
Course type	Compulsory
ECTS credits	4
Contact hours (L+S+E)	30 + 15 + 0
Language of instruction	English

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Prerequisites

No requirements.

Course objectives

The basic aims of the course are to enable understanding of the importance and functions of the urban economy as part of the spatial economy, with particular emphasis on the role and functions of the city in the pursuit of economic functions. It is necessary to point out the importance of particular segments of the spatial economy on the life of consumers, the success of businesses and different models of city management. The area is the most valuable tourist resource, endangered precisely by uncontrolled tourism development. Therefore, in addition to spatial concentrations, the object of this course is to theoretically consider the structure of urban entities through the analysis of urban resources.

Learning outcomes

- Correctly define and interpret the basic concepts in the field of urban and spatial economics according to the principles of sustainable development.
- Explain the connection and differences among urban structures from the aspect of economy and sustainability.
- Distinguish the types of rents, city rents and models of sustainable city management.
- Analyze the application and effects of urban activities through the quality of urban life.

Course content

- Introduction and Axioms of Urban Economics. Spatial planning. City in urban economy. Urban structure and land use. Land and city rent. Urban transport and
- housing. The role of local government in local economic development. Urban problems: poverty and crime. Urban marketing and Urban ecology. Energy
- management in cities. Creative cities. Smart cities. Urban revitalization.

Teaching and learning methods

lectures and seminars and workshops.

Assessment and grading

Assessment and evaluation of students in classes and at the final exam is conducted under the Rulebook on students' evaluation at the University of Rijeka. For each course it is made a detailed course syllabus which coordinates activities, student load, learning outcomes and evaluation methods.

Grading scale

Grade	Percentage
5 (A)	90-100%
4 (B)	75-89.9%
3 (C)	60-74.9%
2 (D)	50-59.9%
1 (F)	0-49.9%