



UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

BTP154: URBAN ECONOMICS

Course Name (English)	URBAN ECONOMICS APPROVED
Course Code	BTP154
MQF Credit	1
Course Description	This course will provide the necessary understanding of the importance of survey techniques in the planning process. Survey is the collection of relevant facts and research in the analysis & interpretation of data.
Transferable Skills	Demonstrate ability to identify and articulate self skills, knowledge and understanding confidently and in a variety of contexts. Demonstrate ability to manage personal performance to meet expectations and demonstrate drive, determination and accountability. Demonstrate practical and contemporary knowledge of relevant professional, ethical and legal framework
Teaching Methodologies	Lectures
CLO	CLO1 Ability to analyse economic situations and their impacts to property and housing sectors particularly in Malaysia CLO2 Ability to describe the dynamic of the financial system in the capitalist system CLO3 Ability to comprehend the fund allocation dynamics
Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations
Topics	
1. The economic system 1.1) Free economic system 1.2) Controlled system 1.3) Mixed system.	
2. Understanding Economic Indicators 2.1) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) 2.2) Foreign short-term investment 2.3) Gross Domestic Product 2.4) Consumer Price Index 2.5) Propensity to save 2.6) Foreign debt 2.7) Balance of payment 2.8) Income per capita 2.9) Labour force indicator 2.10) Base lending rate and the interest rate 2.11) Inflation rate	
3. The laissez-faire 3.1) The critique and the defense of the free market system 3.2) Case study: The usage of land in the urban areas in Klang Valley	
4. Factor of demand and supply 4.1) Theoretical concept versus real world 4.2) Case study: Housing supply versus demand during 1989 to 1996 economic boom in Malaysia – An issue of housing supply and demand mismatch. 4.3) Case study: Factors contributing to land values.	

5. The Financial System – Principles in Investment Allocation

- 5.1) Investigate the rationales behind investment allocation and demonstrate how the financial system influences development of the nation
- 5.2) Case study: Bank Negara supporting a certain sector of economy through lending policy.
- 5.3) Case study: Responds of banks in terms of lending policy in relation to the fluctuation of economy.

6. The Interest Rate.

- 6.1) Demonstrate what determines the fluctuation of the interest and how it affects the decision making in the property sector.

7. The stock market

- 7.1) Introduction to the stock market
- 7.2) The significance of the stock market to the nation
- 7.3) Performance indicator to the nation and the various sectors of the economy

8. Economic Fears

- 8.1) Economic Fear – Inflation, Recession and Deflation
- 8.2) Impacts on the economy and the property in particular

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	40.00%
Final Assessment	60.00%

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Assignment	n/a	40%	CLO1 , CLO2 , CLO3

Reading List	Reference Book Resources
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matrianna, Frank V & Hainstones Thomas J 2004, <i>Basic Economics Mason</i>, Ohio: Thomson/ South Western • Boyes, William J & Melvin, Micheal 2005, <i>Economics</i> , Boston, Houghton Mifflin Co. • Norwaz Wana, Ismail 2002, <i>Ekonomi Asas</i>, Petaling Jaya, Prentice Hall • Khor, Kok Peng 1987, <i>Recession and the Malaysian Economy</i>, Pulau Pinang, Institut Masyarakat • Mohd Salleh, Abdul Majid 1996, <i>Pasaran Saham: Isu-Isu Semasa dan Analisis</i>, Kuala Lumpur, Utusan Publication & Distributi • Serel, M 1996, <i>Growth in East Asia (What We Can Infer and Wh</i>, Economic Issue I, International Monetary Fund • Bank Negara Malaysia 1990, <i>Annual Report 1989, Bank Negara Malaysia</i>, Kuala Lumpur, Percetakan Kum Sdn Bhd • Hamilton, Willian, P 1998, <i>The Stock Market Barometer</i>, New York, John Wiley & Sons • Whitehead, Geoffrey 1992, <i>Economics Made Simple</i>, Oxford, Made Simple Books • Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia 2000, <i>Indeks Harga Pengguna</i>, PNMB, Kuala Lumpur

Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources