

The Hashemite University
College of Economics and Business Administration
Department of Economics
Summer semester 2017/ 2018

Course Title: Public Finance	Instructor Name: ----
Course Number: Econ 1802011304	Office Room: ---
Pre-requisite: 1802011311 &1802011302	Meeting time: ----
Office Hours: ---	
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INTRODUCTION

This course provides an overview of the economic rationale for government decisions as applied in public administration. To accomplish this, this course introduces basic economics theory for government intervention in the market system, reveals methods of solving public problems and conflicts over public resource allocation, and reviews issues related to how government finances itself.

In the first part of the course, we will discuss foundations of public finance. In the second part of the course, we will use both positive and normative points of views to study the rationale of government size and decisions in resource allocation. The tools of public finance will be covered in the third part of the course. In the fourth part of the course, we will complete our examination of the multi-level government finance.

Overall, this course combines theory in the readings and examples of application from the readings and current events. The primary emphasis is on using theoretical concepts and models to enhance students' understanding of public finance and its application in the practice of public administration.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. This course provides students with numerous microeconomics theories and concepts. Through the readings and lectures, students should become more familiar with major public finance theories, concepts, and approaches.
2. Students should gain a better understanding of the importance of public finance to the practice of public management and public policy analysis.
3. Students should gain critically thinking skills and be able to analyze government fiscal decisions and to evaluate the effects of these decisions based on criteria such as efficiency, equity, effectiveness, etc.

REQUIRED READINGS

Public finance, Ninth edition , Harvey, S. Rosen, Ted Gayer.

Chapters required:

- 1- Introduction.**
- 2- Tools of positive analysis.**
- 3- Tools of normative Analysis.**
- 4- Public Goods.**
- 5- Externalities.**
- 6- Cost-Benefit analysis.**
- 7- Taxation and income distribution.**

GRADING

1. Participation 10%
2. exam I, 25%
3. exam II, 25%
4. Final Paper 40%

Classroom Rules

- 1-Students must show the most respect toward each other and the instructor.**
- 2-Come to class on time , and don't leave early unless permission has been obtained.**
- 3- Students should not carry conversations with each other, or talk to cell phone during class lecture and discussion.**
- 4- Students are not allowed to read non-assigned materials.**
- 5- It's the student responsibility to inform the instructor "a week"prior if there is a conflict with an exam.**
- 6- It is forbidden to bring your mobile cell phone for calculation purposes. It is just allowed to use the calculator.**

Good luck