

Public Economics

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The course Public Economics provides a basis for the economic analysis of public policy issues. It focuses on the role of public sector in the modern economy, its functions, management techniques, the sources of government expenditures, and the efficiency estimation of public policies. Issues related to the role of the state, development of Welfare State, public choice, management of public assets and liabilities, modern trends in taxation policies, and fiscal federalism are also examined.

The main aim of the course is to develop analytical tools and their application to key policy issues relating to the spending, taxing and financing activities of the government in the modern economy.

The prerequisite of the course is intermediate microeconomics.

After studying the course students will

- know main theoretical concepts and models of Public Economics,
- be able to analyse the influence of taxation and public spending on the economy,
- be able to assess public policy in the fields of optimal taxation, government spending, social security, project analysis, fiscal federalism, etc.

Course topics:

1. Equity and Efficiency Principles
2. Market Failures and the Role of the Government
3. Public Choice
4. Introduction to Taxation
5. Taxation and economic efficiency
6. Optimal Taxation and Tax evasion
7. The Analysis of Expenditure Policy
8. Social Insurance, Welfare Programs and the Redistribution of Income
9. Cost-Benefit Analysis in Public Sector
10. Managing the Public Sector's Assets and Liabilities
11. Multiple Jurisdictions

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