

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Public Finance: Expenditure**

Course Number and Section:

ECONOMIC

3328A 550

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Course Description:

This course studies the role of government in the provision of goods and services from theoretical and empirical perspectives. We do not directly address topics in public accounting or budgeting and instead focus on identifying markets that warrant government intervention and evaluating public policy. This includes positive and normative analysis of government programs, public goods, externalities, and economic models of government decision making.

Learning Outcomes:

- Deepen our understanding of theoretical welfare economics and approaches to determining when, why, and how government should intervene in markets.
- Learn to evaluate both the stated goals and effectiveness of public policy from an economic perspective.
- Identify market failures, propose ideal policy responses, and understand their limitations.
- Use political economy concepts to understand issues in group decision making and implications of existing institutional structures.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Rosen, Harvey, Lindsay Tedds, Trevor Tombe, Jean-Francois Wen, and Tracy Snoddon. Public Finance in Canada, 6th Canadian Edition, 2023, McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Public policy case study		35
Participation		10
Problem sets		15
Midterm exam		20

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Final exam		20

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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