

The Hashemite University	
Faculty of Economics and Business Administrative	
<b>Offering Department</b>	Economics
<b>Module title / number</b>	Public Finance / 2201304
<b>Teaching staff</b>	Dr. Ahmad Khasawneh
<b>Office location</b>	Econ 337
<b>Phone</b>	05/3903333- ext. 4426
<b>E-mail</b>	<a href="mailto:ahmadk@hu.edu.jo">ahmadk@hu.edu.jo</a>
<b>Office hours</b>	10 - 11 S, T, TH or by appointment
<b>Pre-requisite</b>	Theory of Macroeconomics (2201202)
<b>Module description</b>	This course discusses the role of the government in the economy. The topic includes but not limited to public goods and externalities, revenues (taxes) and expenditures, cost benefit analysis, optimal taxation and tax efficiency. We will also analyze Jordan public finance.
<b>Aims</b>	<b>COURSE OBJECTIVES:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To equip the student with the principles he or she needs to make sense out of the conflicting and contradictory discussions of economic conditions and policies in newspapers and news magazines.</li> <li>2. Make the student able to evaluate the performance of decision makers, and to predict the impact of their policy actions on families and business.</li> <li>3. Understand and predict the economic forces shaping real-world business decisions.</li> <li>4. Develop and strengthen overall analytical skills.</li> <li>5. Develop critical thinking skills about markets and business decisions.</li> </ol>
<b>Intended learning outcomes (ILOs)</b>	
Upon the completion of this module , students should be able to achieve the following:	
<b>1- knowledge and understanding</b>	
	A1) Understand government behavior regarding maximizing the net benefit of the economy. A2) Understand individuals and business reaction concerning government policy and activities.
<b>2- Analytical and thinking skills</b>	
	<i>Students should have the ability to</i> B1) Present written and/or oral reports using critical thinking, economic data, economic theory. B2) Perform mathematics, and statistical knowledge and its application on economic- decision of the firms. B3) Comprehend and communicate data presented graphically and/or mathematically. B4) The ability to relate mathematical and statistical models to their assumptions and to the real world.
<b>Teaching and learning methods</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There will be 3 hours lectures per week. Although the lectures cover the vast majority of the module material, students must make use of the textbooks extensively especially the empirical cases presented in the book.</li> </ul>

**Assessment methods**

Students will be assessed based on the following:

Exam	Day/Date	Time	Place	Weight
First exam	Thursday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	09:00–10:00	TBA	20%
Second Exam	Thursday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	09:00–10:00	TBA	20%
Class Activities	Every lecture		Class Room	10%

**Academic Honesty**

	All the assignments and work submitted by the student should be his or her own. All actions of academic dishonesty including cheating, plagiarism or helping other students in such actions will be dealt with strictly according to the university regulations.
--	--

**Main textbook(s) and additional readings**

	<u>Public Finance</u> , by Harvey S. Rosen and Ted Gayer, 9 <sup>th</sup> edition, 2010, published by McGraw Hill.
--	--

**Online Resources**

	1) Instructor's website: <a href="http://staff.hu.edu.jo/ahmadkhasawneh">http://staff.hu.edu.jo/ahmadkhasawneh</a> Here you can find all the material for this course.
--	---

**Detailed lecture schedule**

	Week:	Material:	Homework and Assignments
	Week 1	<b>Ch (1):</b> Introduction	TBA
	Week 2	<b>Ch (2):</b> Tools of Positive Analysis	TBA
	Week 3	<b>Ch (3):</b> Tools of Normative Analysis	TBA
	Week 4+5	<b>Ch (4):</b> Public Goods	TBA
	Week 5+6	<b>Ch (5):</b> Externalities	TBA
	Week 7	<b>First Exam</b>	TBA
	Week 8+9	<b>Ch (8):</b> Cost-Benefit Analysis	TBA
	Week 10	<b>Ch (12):</b> Income Redistribution: Conceptual Issues	TBA
	Week 11	<b>Ch (13):</b> Expenditure Programs for the Poor	
	Week 12	<b>Second Exam</b>	TBA
	Week 13+14	<b>Ch (14):</b> Taxation and Income Distribution	TBA
	Week 15	<b>Ch (15):</b> Taxation and Efficiency	TBA
	Week 16	Final Exam	

*Good Luck!*