

61335 - Issues of Public Economics

Syllabus Information

Academic Year: 2019/20

Subject: 61335 - Issues of Public Economics

Faculty / School: 109 -

Degree: 525 - Master's in Economics

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 1

Semester: First semester

Subject Type: Compulsory

Module: ---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

2.3.Importance of learning goals

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1.Methodological overview

4.2.Learning tasks

4.3.Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

SECTION I. PUBLIC SPENDING

Topic 1. Public spending: Efficiency and equity

Topic 2. Social expenditures: services (education, health and social services) and economic benefits (pensions and unemployment protection)

Topic 3. Economic effects of social expenditure (I): Inequality and redistribution

Topic 4. Economic effects of social expenditure (I): Incentives and growth

Topic 5. Trends, sustainability and reform of social spending

SECTION II. PUBLIC REVENUE

Topic 6. Principles of taxation: efficiency, equity, and simplicity

Topic 7. Economic effects of tax system (I): Income redistribution

Topic 8. Economic effects of tax system (II): Incentives, avoidance and evasion

Topic 9. Multi-jurisdictional taxation (I): Regional issues

Topic 10. Multi-jurisdictional taxation (II): International issues

Topic 11. Recent trends in tax reform: the extensive model of tax reform; the dual income tax, and the flat tax

4.4.Course planning and calendar

4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources