

Public Finance I

Syllabus Number

8C206

Major Course: Local
Government and
Administration
Elective 2 credit

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1. Course Description

Our life is highly involved with public finance. We pay taxes and also receive services provided by the government and local authorities. In simple words, taxes are the income for the public finance, while providing the service to the public are the expenses to the public finance.
In this course, students will study DP1 and DP2.

2. Course Objectives

This session is to establish the basic knowledge of Public Finance, and to develop your understanding about maintaining the sustainability of the public finance, by studying financial issues.
Besides, combine your study with Public Finance II, students can cultivate thinking skills. Public Finance I is more focusing on independent thinking, which includes personal tests, questions and answers, while Finance II is more targeting at team work including group research and discussions.

3. Grading Policy

Opinion(20%),Lesson tests (30%),Term test(50%)

Feedback:

A quiz will be given after each lecture, and a commentary will be given before the next class.
We will announce the points for the regular exam in advance and provide feedback on the scoring points and answer examples via the LMS.

4. Textbook and Reference

Textbook

金澤史男 (2005) "Public Finance" 有斐閣ブックス

Reference

神野直彦 (2007) 『財政のしくみがわかる本』 岩波ジュニア新書566

5. Requirements(Assignments)

Preparation:About 1 hour

Please prepare with textbooks according to the content of each class. We recommend that you organize the results you have prepared in a bulleted list or sentence.

Revision:About 1.5 hours

Review the textbook against the printed content. Create an incomplete lecture assignment.

6. Note

- ・ If you are interested in tax and local finance, it is recommended that you implement it at the same time as "The Tax" and "Public Finance II".
- ・ Details of grade evaluation and examinations will be explained in the first lecture. Students who wish to attend the course must attend.

7. Schedule

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| [1] | Guidance and Introduction
About Public Finance |
| [2] | Development of Public Finance |
| [3] | The role of finance |
| [4] | Fiscal democracy
Budget |
| [5] | Budget
A government budget bill |
| [6] | Tax system
Tax reform |
| [7] | Expense theory
Japanese government spending |
| [8] | Government bond
Fiscal deficit |
| [9] | Government bond
Fiscal crisis |
| [10] | Fiscal investment and loan |
| [11] | Social security1
Medical care
Pension |
| [12] | Social security2
Public assistance
Social welfare |
| [13] | Fiscal policy
Economic fluctuation |

- [14] Fiscal policy
Fiscal reconstruction
- [15] Characteristics of Japanese finance
Summary