

Public Finance I

Syllabus Number

8C206

course of local
governments and public
administration

Elective Requisites 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. Public finance is a discipline that studies the public part of the government and public enterprises using the analysis method of economics. Finance reflects the state of society like a "mirror" and has an inseparable relationship with our lives. Human beings have encountered COVID-19, and as a countermeasure, "fiscal mobilization" is greatly requested. This would be an event that proved the role and importance of public finance.

"Finance I" is the basic edition of "Finance II", where you will learn an overview of public finance and basic knowledge as an academic discipline, and will explain it in a simple manner, mainly focusing on national finance.

Then, I would like to combine "Finance I" and "Finance II" to maximize the thinking ability that university students should have. "Finance I" focuses on using your expertise to solidify your own ideas. In "Finance II", we will add the wisdom of the group, think about a certain problem together, and develop the ability to investigate what is lacking or what we want to deepen by free talk.

In this course, students will study DP1 and DP2.

2. Course Objectives

This lecture opens the door to finance and allows you to learn from the basics. In the real world, you can see various social problems through the mirror of finance, and you can realize how you are related to finance. You can then use your expertise to solidify your thoughts and improve your thinking.

3. Grading Policy

Opinion(10%),Lesson tests or summary sheet(40%),Term test(50%)

Feedback:

- ① If there is a quiz, we will explain it before the next lesson content starts.
- ② Share everyone's answers in class or at LMS for questions that have no correct answer.
- ③ We will announce the question points of the regular exam in advance and feed back the scoring points and answer examples through the LMS.

4. Textbook and Reference

Textbook

高端正幸、佐藤滋 (2020) "An invitation to Public Finance" 有斐閣ストウディア

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

- ・ It would be good if it was implemented at the same time as "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

- [1] Guidance and Introduction
About Public Finance
- [2] Economic and social upset and finances
- [3] The role of finance
- [4] Fiscal democracy
Budget
- [5] Budget
A government budget bill
- [6] Tax and trust
Japanese tax system
- [7] Expense theory
Japanese government spending
- [8] Social security1
Medical care
Pension Government bond

- [9] Social security²
Public assistance
Social welfare Government bond
- [10] Public Debt and Budget Deficit
- [11] Fiscal sustainability, fiscal consolidation
- [12] Economic growth and income redistribution (12th to 15th will be applied editions)
- [13] Increasing inequality and poverty and income security
- [14] Intergenerational conflict and social security
- [15] Progress of globalization and financial transformation