



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Outline

EE441 Economics of Public Expenditure

Semester:	1/2017 (August 15 – December 9, 2017)
Number of credits:	3 credits (3-0-6)
Instructor:	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Euamporn Phijaisanit Office: Room 432, 4 th Floor, Faculty of Economics Email: euamporn@econ.tu.ac.th,
Class Schedule:	Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 – 12:30 hrs.
Class Room:	Room 304, Faculty of Economics

Course Description:

The role of government in economic activities; Government Outlay; Welfare Economics; Theory of Public Goods, Theory of Externalities, Public Choice, Public Pricing and Policies, fiscal decentralization; The analysis of the effects of government spending on the macroeconomic goals, such as price stability, economic growth, distribution of income, and employment conditions, as well as the effects of government spending on important economic sectors.

Prerequisites: EE212 (or EE214) and EE311. The course will require basic and intermediate micro-economics.

Main Textbook:

Rosen, H.S., and Gayer, T. (2014 or later editions). *Public Finance*. 10th Global Edition, McGraw-Hill.

Alternative Texts*:

Gruber, J. (2007 or later editions). *Public Finance and Public Policy*. 2nd Edition, Worth Publishers.

Stiglitz, J. (1999 or later editions). *Economics of the Public Sector*. 3rd Editions, W.W. Norton & Company.

*Additional readings may be assigned during the course.

Class Schedule:

Date	Topic	Readings
August 15-17	Topic 1: Introduction	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 1
August 22- 24	Topic 2: Tools of Positive and Normative Analysis	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 2-3
August 29-31	Topic 3: Public Goods	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 4
September 5-7	Topic 4: Externalities	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 5
September 12-14	Topic 5: Political Economy	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 6 Stiglitz, chapter 12 (optional)
September 19-21	Topic 6: Education	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 7
September 26-28	Section 7: Expenditure Analysis of Education	Class Lecture and Handouts
Date	Topic	Readings
October 3	Midterm Exam, 11:00 – 12:30 hrs.	
October 10-12	Section 8: Cost-Benefit Analysis	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 8
October 17-19	Section 9: The Health-care market	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 9
October 31	Section 10: Government and the market for Health Care	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 10
November 2-7	Section 11: Social Security	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 11
November 9-14	Section 12: Income Redistribution – theoretical concepts	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 12
November 16- 21	Section 13: Income Redistribution – practical implications	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 13 Stiglitz, chapter 25
November 23-28	Section 14: Taxation and Income Distribution	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 14
November 30-December 7	Section 15: Public Finance and Fiscal Decentralization	Rosen and Gayer, chapter 22
December 21	Final Exam, 09:00 – 12:00 hrs.	

Method of Instruction: There are total of 48 class-hours for this course or 3 hours per week. Class activities include lectures, discussions, quizzes and presentations. Students are expected to work on group presentations, and participate in class discussions.

Student Evaluation:

(1) Mid-term Examination	30% [3 October 2017: 8.00-9.30]
(2) Final Examination	50% [21 December 2017: 9.00-12.00]
(3) Quizzes/Assignments/Class participations	20%

Remarks:

- ◆ First semester begins August 15, 2017
- ◆ Period of withdrawal without “W” August 15 - 28, 2017
- ◆ **Mid-Term Examination Period** **October 2 - 7, 2017**
(EE441: Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 11.00 - 12.30 hrs.)
- ◆ Course withdrawal with “W” October 18 - 24, 2017
- ◆ The royal cremation ceremonies of HM the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej will be held between October 23 - 29, 2017
- ◆ Last day of class December 8, 2017
- ◆ **Final Examination Period** **December 12 - 24, 2017**
(EE441: Thursday, December 21, 2017, 09.00 – 12.00 hrs.)