

Planning and Quality Assurance Affairs

Form (A)

Course Specifications

General Information

Course name	Public Finance
Course number	ECON2305
Faculty	
Department	
Course type	Major Needs
Course level	2
Credit hours (theoretical)	3
Credit hours (practical)	0
Course Prerequisites	

Course Objectives

- 1 - This course is a necessary requirement for the Faculty of Economics and administrative sciences for students who seek to hold BA degree – in business administration section - at Al-Azhar university of Gaza; for students who reached level 3. In this course we are going to discuss different issues about Public Finance, its definitions, ways of financing governmental expenditures, discussing the public budget then exploring the fiscal policy. During the course an applied cases about the Palestinian economy will be discussed such as, the Palestinian public budget and its components, ways of financing the budget, expenditures channels and how the fiscal policy affect the Palestinian economy.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Understand how does the economy works* Have a wide knowledge about Public Finance* Determine the relationship between economy and government, then answering the questions: why are there taxes and government spending? Why not to leave everything to the Markets?* - Distinguish between the role of central banks and the government in the economy.* Link the basics of Public finance with the Palestinian Economy
Intellectual Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* develop way of thinking in aggregate issues especially when the government interfere markets* expand analysis skills in economic and public finance field* applying the acquired knowledge from cost-benefit analysis chapter* to have the ability to link between theoretical frame and the applied cases* enhance the analytical way of thinking
Professional Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* link between the practical cases and the theoretical subjects* to adapt with economic cases* expand knowledge in governmental issues* expand research and presentation skills* developing participation and work group skills
General Skill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* shaping a wide scope and differentiate between public and private sector* increase the mass of information

Course Contents

1 - Chapter 1: Introduction to Public Finance.
2 - Chapter 2: Externalities and the Environment
3 - Chapter 3: Cost benefit analysis
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5 - Chapter 5: Government Borrowing
6 - Chapter 6: Public Budget Balance.
7 - Chapter 7: The Fiscal Policy
8 - Chapter 8: matching between the fiscal and monetary policy

Teaching and Learning Methods

1 - lecturers and practical cases from the government financial data , students presentation
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Teaching and Learning Methods for the Disabled Students

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Students Assessment

<u>Assessment Method</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MARKS</u>
class activity	during the term	10
med term exam	1 hoer	30
final exam	2 hoers	60

Books and References

Course note	Seidman, L. (2008). Public finance. McGraw-Hill/Irwin, from Chapter 1-5
	External materials for chapter 6&7.
	- Other materials related to the Palestinian economy will be supplied during the course

Knowledge and Skills Matrix

Main Course Contents	Study Week	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional Skills	General Skill
chapter1 : Introduction to Public Finance.	1-2	this chapter will illustrate the role of government in making free markets, is going to discuss .taxes, subsidies,, regulations and inefficiency	develop way of thinking in aggregate issues especially when the government interfere markets	link between the practical cases and the theoretical subjects	
Chapter 2: Cost benefit analysis	3-4	differentiate between cost benefit analysis for private and public sector.			
Chapter 3: Tax incidence and inefficiency.	5-7	studying the effect of taxes over sellers and buyers, determine what factors affect Tax incidence, know the effect of taxes with different elasticities	expand analysis skills in economic and public finance field	to adapt with economic cases	
Government Borrowing	8-10	discussing the term of government debt, balanced budget and other things related to the government	applying the acquired knowledge from cost--benefit analysis chapter	expand knowledge in governmental issues	shaping a wide scope and differentiate between public and private sector
Chapter 6: Public Budget Balance.	11-13	studying the component of public budget, differentiate between Current expenditure and Capital expenditure , know the Public Budget Cycle and types	to have the ability to link between theoretical frame and the applied cases	expand research and presentation skills	increase the mass of information
The Fiscal & Monetary Policy	12-16	IS_LM model analysis	enhance the analytical way of thinking	developing participation and work group skills	

