

Syllabus

Course description

Course title	Economics and politics in the public sector M1 Volkswirtschaftslehre des öffentlichen Sektors M2 Economic policy
Course code	27061
Scientific sector	SECS-P/01 (M1) – SECS-P/02 (M2)
Degree	Master in Economics and Management of the public sector
Semester and academic year	1st semester 2018/2019 (M1 + M2)
Year	1
Credits	12 (6+6)
Modular	Yes

Total lecturing hours	72 (36 + 36)
Total lab hours	
Total exercise hours	24 (preparatory course)
Attendance	suggested, but not required
Prerequisites	Students without a background in Economics are strongly suggested to actively attend the “preparatory course” in Economics organized at the beginning of the semester. At the end of the prep course, an exam will be organized, in order to test the basic knowledge of the students. The test is aimed at making students aware of their knowledge. There are no negative consequences in case of “fail”, only the student is advised to discuss with the Lecturing Assistant and the Professor how to improve his/her knowledge. In case of “pass with distinction”, students are awarded an additional point in the final exam.
Course page	https://www.unibz.it/it/faculties/economics-management/master-public-sector/course-offering/

Specific educational objectives	<p>The course refers to the basic educational activities and belongs to the scientific area of Economics.</p> <p>The course gives a general overview of Economics and politics in the public sector on a scientific basis.</p> <p>M1: Modul 1 beginnt mit einer Einfuehrung in empirische Methoden der Finanzwissenschaften, insbesondere der Evaluierung kausaler Zusammenhaenge. Wir behandeln dann Theorie und Praxis von Steuern, unter anderem Steuerinzidenz und –gerechtigkeit, Steuerhinterziehung, Besteuerung von Konsum, Lohn- und Kapitaleinkommen. Abschliessend behandeln wir wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Themen rund um die Angestellten im oeffentlichen Dienst.</p>
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	<p>M2: Module 2 deals with the political economy of government intervention, with behavioral interventions and with some of the objectives of macroeconomic policy.</p> <p>Educational objectives are: acquiring skills to explain economic policies as they vary over time and between countries, as well as developing an understanding of the constraints of implementing economic policies in democratic societies.</p>
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Modul 1	M1 Volkswirtschaftslehre des öffentlichen Sektors
Dozent	Moradi Alexander Office E 5.12a e-mail: Alexander.Moradi@unibz.it tel.: +39 0471 013134
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Lecturing assistant	Alessandro Fedele (preparatory course), Office E-201, e-mail: Alessandro.Fedele@unibz.it , tel.: 0471/013298, https://www.unibz.it/it/faculties/economics-management/academic-staff/person/32469-alessandro-fedele
Teaching assistant	Keine
Sprechstunde	Keine
Themen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Empirische Methoden der Finanzwissenschaften 2) Steuern: Theorie und Praxis 3) Rentenversicherung 4) Personalwesen im öffentlichen Dienst
Unterrichtsform	Vorlesungen, Uebungen, Projekte, etc.

Module 2	M2 Economic policy
Lecturer	Mirco Tonin , Office E-306, e-mail: Mirco.Tonin@unibz.it , tel.: 0471/013182, https://www.unibz.it/it/faculties/economics-management/academic-staff/person/35916-mirco-tonin
Scientific sector of the lecturer	SECS-P/02
Teaching language	English
Office hours	please refer to the lecturer's web page
Lecturing assistant	not foreseen
Teaching assistant	not foreseen
Office hours	not foreseen
List of topics covered	Size and development of the public sector; Behavioral

	Public Policy; Public goods; Externalities; Political Economics; Scope of government; Fiscal federalism; Economic policy;
Teaching format	Frontal lectures, exercises, labs, projects, etc.

Learning outcomes	<p>Through this course the students will develop the ability to understand the foundations, the effects and uses of government interventions in the economy.</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding: The students will learn different theories and the empirical evidence regarding the tools and effects of government interventions in the economy.</p> <p>Applying knowledge and understanding: The students will develop the ability to apply the analytical methods presented to real world economic policy problems</p> <p>Making judgments: The students will develop the ability to assess economic situations, to relate them to concrete problems, and to develop policy recommendations.</p> <p>Communication skills: Through discussions in class, the students will develop the ability to debate economic policy problems using appropriate analytical tools and evidence.</p> <p>Learning skills: Ability to develop learning skills that allow students to continue to study at an advanced level.</p>
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Assessment	Written and project work: written exam with review questions and project report done in groups
Assessment language	German (M1) and English (M2)
Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks	<p>For attending students: 70% written exam (30% M1 and 40% M2), 30% project report & presentation (20% M1 and 10% M2)</p> <p>For not attending students: 100% final exam (50% M1 and 50% M2)</p> <p>Evaluation criteria relevant for both assessments: clarity of answers, mastery of specific terminology, ability to summarize, evaluate, and establish relationships between topics, ability to apply concepts to real-world examples.</p>

Required readings	<p>Public Finance and Public Policy, by Jonathan Gruber, 5th edition – Selected chapters ISBN: 1464143331</p> <p>Economic Policy - Theory and Practice, by Agnès Bénassy-</p>
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	Quéré, Benoît Coeuré, Pierre Jacquet, and Jean Pisani-Ferry – Selected chapters ISBN: 9780195322736
	Intermediate Public Economics, 2 nd edition, by Jean Hindriks and Gareth Myles – Selected chapters ISBN: 9780262018692
Supplementary readings	Additional literature will be given during class