Course # and Title:
Public Finance I – ECON 4070.03M

Course Webpage:
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NOTE: The instructor reserves a right not to be disturbed under ANY circumstances during the forty five minutes immediately preceding the lecture time – this applies especially to the days the tests are held.

Lecture Time and Location:
Lecture: Tuesday: 4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Location: FC 203
TA hours: TBA

Prerequisite / Co-requisite:
Prerequisites: AP/ECON 2300 3.00, AP/ECON 2350 3.00, AP/ECON 2400, and AP/ECON 2450 3.00, or equivalents. Course credit exclusion: GL/ECON 3570 3.00.
PRIOR TO FALL 2009: Course credit exclusions: AK/ECON 3450 3.00, AS/ECON 4070 3.00, GL/ECON 3570 3.00.

Course Description:
Identifies the role of government in a modern economy and examines the interaction between government's attempts to provide services and the financing of expenditures through traditional and non-traditional means.
Weighting of Course:

Evaluation

Important dates and grading scheme are as follows:

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<th>Term Test 1</th>
<th>25%</th>
<th>February 7th, regular class hours</th>
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<td>Term Test 2</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
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The tests and the final will not be re-weighted in order to benefit any single student or any group of students.

Missed exams/Tests:

There will be no make-up for the term tests. If you are unable to take a term test for a valid reason ONLY, the weight of the test will be added to the final exam. Students missing a term test must provide detailed documentation in the manner required by York. It is student’s responsibility to make sure that the instructor has been contacted e-mail works much better than any other means of communication. Students missing the mid-term exam who do not provide such documentation will receive a grade of zero for the mid-term exam.

For both tests, students are responsible for all the material covered until the date of the test.

The final exam will be held during the university exam period. While it will be weighted towards the material covered after the second term test, it will cover all the material since the first lecture in September. The location, day, and time of the final exam will be announced later by the official university channels.

Students who choose to write their tests in pencil are advised that the instructor may choose to photocopy their work for future verification.

Grading

The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 90, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

Course Text / Readings:
 Required Text

*Course in Public Economics.* by John Leach, 2003, Cambridge University Press,

**Organization of the Course (Topics):**

**Topics and Readings**

- General Equilibrium theory
- Consumer and producer surplus
- Externalities
- Permit trading
- Renewable common property resources
- Co-ordination failures
- Natural monopoly and pricing rules under imperfect competition
- Taxation and efficiency
- The welfare cost of tax interactions
- The theory of the second best
- The distribution of income
- The limits of income distribution
- Tagging and targeting
- Health care and health insurance

**Additional Information/Notes:**

**Note on Academic Honesty:**

Conduct that violates the ethical or legal standards of the University community or of one’s program or specialization may result in serious consequences. Students should review the SENATE POLICY ON ACADEMIC HONESTY at: [http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69](http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69). Students might also wish to review the interactive on-line Tutorial for students on academic integrity at: [http://www.yorku.ca/tutorial/academic_integrity/](http://www.yorku.ca/tutorial/academic_integrity/).

**Important Course Information for Students:**

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Curriculum & Academic Standards webpage; [http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/index-policies.html/](http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/index-policies.html/)
- York’s Academic Honesty Policy and Procedures/Academic Integrity Website
- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities

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1 This list of topics is indicative only; changes may be made to the sequence, additional material may be added.
• Student Conduct Standards
• Religious Observance Accommodation

## Course ADD/Drop Deadlines

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<td>Feb. 1</td>
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<td>Nov. 11</td>
<td>10-Mar</td>
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<td><strong>Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of “W” on transcript – see note below)</strong></td>
<td>Nov. 12 - Dec. 5</td>
<td>March 11 - Apr. 5</td>
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