

Public Finance

Finanzwissenschaft

Module Number |

Degree | Bachelor

Semester | Winter

Course Type | Lecture and Tutorial

Participation Limit | none

Creditable for | Mandatory

Contact Hours | 4 hours/week

Number of Credits | 5 ECTS

Language | German

Chair | Economics, esp. Public Finance

Lecturer | Prof. Dr. Dominika Langenmayr

Learning Outcomes

- After completing the course, the students are able to form well-informed opinions of tax policy, public debt and state interventions in the economy.
- The students understand the impact of a government's public finance decisions on the economy.
- The students can apply methods of economic analysis to public finance problems.
- The students know the fundamental concepts and arguments of public finance.

Module Content

- Welfare theory
 - Pareto efficiency
 - Social welfare functions
 - Development of public spending
- Allocation theory
 - Market efficiency
 - Public goods
 - Externalities
- Introduction to Social Security
 - Moral Hazard
 - Adverse Selection
- Tax Policy
 - The German tax system
 - Tax incidence and excess burden of taxation
 - Optimal taxation
 - Redistribution
- Public Debt
 - The government budget
 - Long- and medium-run effects of public debt
 - Euro crisis

Teaching Methods

- Lecture
- Tutorial

Grading

- Final Exam 100 %

Assessment criteria in detail

- Written exam at the end of the semester

Average Workload

30 h = Time of attendance lecture

30 h = Preparation and postprocessing lecture

30 h = Time of attendance tutorial

30 h = Preparation and postprocessing tutorial

30 h = Exam preparation

150 h = Total workload

Previous Knowledge

- Foundations of Economics
- Microeconomics

Readings

- Wigger, B., 2006, Grundzüge der Finanzwissenschaft, 2nd edition, Springer.
- Wellisch, D. und U. Hange, 2000, Finanzwissenschaft I: Rechtfertigung der Staatstätigkeit, Vahlen.
- Wellisch, D., und E. Bauman, 2000, Finanzwissenschaft II: Theorie der Besteuerung, Vahlen.
- Wellisch, D., 2000, Finanzwissenschaft III: Staatsverschuldung, Vahlen.
- Blankart, C. B., 2011, Öffentliche Finanzen in der Demokratie, 8th edition, Vahlen.
- Brümmerhoff, D. und T. Büttner, 2015, Finanzwissenschaft, 11th edition.
- Homburg, S. 2007, Allgemeine Steuerlehre, Vahlen.