

English-based Degree Program

Course outline

Course title	Studies on Public Finance
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<p>Scale and Scope of government had been growing in accordance with economic growth and deepening of quality of life. The share of the government expenditure, in the meanwhile, had grown into a considerable part of their GDP in many countries. Public Economics aims to analyze roles of a central or local government in market economy from viewpoints of efficiency of resource allocation and equity of income distribution. This course is a brief introduction into public economics theory. It covers main economic functions of government, including taxation, regulation, and social service delivery, and focuses are, especially, on economic development perspectives such as investment criteria of public infrastructure, cost benefit analysis and public project evaluations.</p>

Attainment objectives
To understand the basic theory of market failure and activities of government in a market economy.
To understand government roles in development and growth of an economy in the long-run.

Study Method
The course will be delivered in fifteen lectures each 1.5 hours long. Lectures are divided into giving particular topics of events and discussion based on the topics. Lecture Notes, lecture material, and other relevant materials will be delivered in the lecture.