

Course Title: **Empirical Public Finance**

Course Code: **ECON816**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2025**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **8**

PREREQUISITE/S: **None**

COREQUISITE/S: **None**

RESTRICTION/S: **None**

LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

Total learning hours: 150

PRESCRIPTOR

A critical examination of the key topics, concepts, theories, empirical methods, and findings in the field of Public Finance. Explores the role of government in the economy, with a particular focus on the relationship between government and the market. Addresses both positive (descriptive) and normative (prescriptive) aspects of government policies related to public sector expenditures and revenue.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Provide precise definitions of key concepts used in the academic public finance literature.
2. Critically examine arguments for and against public sector involvement in the market economy.
3. Define and discuss key public finance theory models and their underlying assumptions.
4. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of different empirical methods used in empirical public finance studies.

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CONTENT

Selected topics from following list:

- Deadweight loss and excess burden
- Labor supply and taxes
- Tax evasion
- Tax incidence
- Taxation of firms
- Optimal income taxation
- Inequality and intergenerational mobility
- Social welfare
- Social insurance

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

An appropriate range of strategies that may include lectures, workshops and online learning.

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Critical reading and review of a scientific article (individual)	20.00	2
Empirical exercise (individual)	40.00	3
In class test (individual)	40.00	1,4

Grade Map	MAP1
	A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
	B+ B B- Pass with Merit
	C+ C C- Pass
	D Fail

Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

LEARNING RESOURCES

Details of all learning resources (including journals, databases, websites etc) are available on Canvas. Required Text(s): If there is a required text, details are available by searching the University Bookshop's website: www.ubs.co.nz

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Principal Programme: AK1060, Master of Business

Related Programme/s: AK3712 BBus(Hons), AK3741 PgDipBus, AK3742 PgCertBus

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