

COURSE DETAIL

ECONOMICS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Economics

UCEAP Course Number

127

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ECONOMICS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR

UCEAP Transcript Title

ECON PUBLIC SECTOR

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

In most developed countries, the public sector has become an enormous economic force, with a size that amounts to 40-60 percent of GDP. This course practices knowledge of macro- and microeconomics by applying it to public sector related issues by debating: which should be carried out by the public sector (e.g. the government) and which ones should be left to the private sector? When should the government intervene and what are the welfare consequences for different groups in society? Which commodities and services should the government provide and how much? Should this be provided in a market-efficient manner or not? How high should taxes and public debt be? What kind of taxes should the government levy (e.g. income, consumption or corporate income taxation) and who bears eventually the burden of these taxes? The course analyzes actual public policies and develops guidelines for government activities.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ECB2EPS

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ECONOMICS OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Economics and Business Economics

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