

COURSE DETAIL

ECONOMICS: PUBLIC ECONOMICS AND THE WELFARE STATE

Country

Sweden

Host Institution

Lund University

Program(s)

Lund University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Economics

UCEAP Course Number

132

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ECONOMICS: PUBLIC ECONOMICS AND THE WELFARE STATE

UCEAP Transcript Title

PUB ECON WELF STATE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The course focuses on the relationship between the government and the market in terms of both equity and efficiency. The Nordic welfare state is analyzed both empirically and theoretically, with a special emphasis on the case of Sweden. The course gives the necessary economic tools to judge when government interventions are motivated, how these interventions can be done efficiently, and which problems can arise due to imperfect information and other deviations from a perfect market environment. The course includes a history of the development of the Swedish welfare state and considers arguments for and against the Nordic welfare state model. The course proceeds by covering a range of the many tools at the disposal of policymakers for jointly maximizing welfare and equity, keeping track of both the spending and the financing of the public sector. Topics covered include public goods, externalities, environmental policy, public insurance, income redistribution, efficient and equitable taxation, retirement policies, privatization and quasi-markets, fiscal federalism, and the constraints on fiscal policies imposed by globalization. Part of the course is also devoted to how collective decisions are made and the challenges involved in a collective decision process.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

NEKG52

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Host Institution Campus

Lund

Host Institution Faculty

Economics and Management

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Economics

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