



## Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics  
Department of Economics and Statistics

2NA041 Offentlig ekonomi och välfärdsstaten, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
Public Economics and the Welfare State, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Economics

### **Subject**

Economics

### **Level**

First cycle

### **Progression**

G1F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2024-06-24.

Revised 2025-06-09. Revision of prerequisites and updating för standard texts.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2026.

### **Prerequisites**

Economics 45 credits, Statistics 15 credits and English 6, or the equivalent.

### **Objectives**

After completing this course the student should be able to:

- account for and explain central concepts and basic models of public economics
- analyze the defining components of a modern welfare state
- apply microeconomic analysis to realworld policy issues, and, through a combination of theoretical and empirical reasoning, assess arguments appearing in the policy debate

## Content

The course covers the following areas and concepts:

- basic welfare economics
- taxation and public expenditure in theory and practice
- cost-benefit analysis
- income inequality and income redistribution
- social policy
- policy evaluation
- behaviour and public economics

## Type of Instruction

The teaching consists of lectures and exercises.

## Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E or F.

The course is examined through an individual written examination 5 credits which is presented orally in seminars 2.5 credits.

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that will result in a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail.

Resit examination is offered in accordance with Linnaeus University's Local regulations for courses and examination at the first- and second-cycle levels.

In the event that a student with a disability is entitled to special study support, the examiner will decide on adapted or alternative examination arrangements.

## Course Evaluation

A course evaluation should be conducted during the course or in connection with its conclusion. The results and analysis of the completed course evaluation should be promptly communicated to students who have completed the course. Students participating in the next course instance should be informed of the results of the previous course evaluation and any improvements that have been made, no later than at the start of the course.

## Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: 2NA016 and 2NA062 with 7.5 credits each.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

### Required reading

Scientific articles and other material. About 400 pages.

### Reference Literature

Hindriks, J. & Myles, Gareth D. *Intermediate Public Economic*. MIT Press. Latest edition. About 1020 pages.