



## Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics

Department of Economics and Statistics

4NA084 Avancerad offentlig ekonomi, 7,5 högskolepoäng

4NA084 Advanced Public Economics, 7.5 credits

### **Main field of study**

Economics

### **Subject Group**

Economics

### **Level of classification**

Second Level

### **Progression**

A1F

### **Date of Ratification**

Approved 2020-06-24

Revised 2023-05-29 by School of Business and Economics. Prerequisites, objectives, examination and type of instruction changed.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2024

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements for second-cycle studies, plus specific entry requirements:

- Bachelor Degree in Economics, or in another social science or natural sciences field, or the equivalent;
- A minimum of 7.5 credits economics, at A1N/F level, or the equivalent;
- A minimum of 15 credits statistics, at G1N/F level, or credits acquired in time series analysis and regression analysis, or the equivalent;
- English 6, or the equivalent.

## Objectives

After completing this course the student should be able to:

- theoretically analyze, explain, and independently derive central results in public economics
- identify and account for relevant empirical methods and data sets to answer key questions in public economics
- demonstrate an ability to read and understand research articles in public economics and discuss them in the lecture

- apply microeconomic analysis to real-world economic policy issues, and, through a combination of theoretical and empirical reasoning, assess arguments appearing in the public policy debate

## Content

The course contains:

- the distribution of labor income and wealth
- taxation of labor and capital income
- consumption taxation
- optimal taxation and normative public economics
- redistribution, social insurance
- empirical methods in public economics
- behavioral public economics, political economics

## Type of Instruction

The teaching consists of lectures, exercises and seminars.

## Examination

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

The course is examined through individual written hand-in assignments that will be presented at a seminar 3.5 credits and an individual written term paper that will be presented at a seminar 4 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.

Repeat examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University. An examiner can, in exceptional cases, decide that a student who is close to the level for a passing grade may carry out supplementary assignments in order to reach the passing grade.

If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to give a customised exam or to have the student conduct the exam in an alternative way.

## Course Evaluation

During the implementation of the course or in close conjunction with the course, a course evaluation is to be carried out. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are to be promptly presented as feedback to the students who have completed the course. Students who participate during the next course instance receive feedback at the start of the course. The course evaluation are in regular carried out anonymously.

## Credit 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: 4NA074 with 7,5 credits.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

### Required reading

Hindriks, J. & Myles, Gareth D. *Intermediate Public Economic*. MIT Press. Latest

Edition. About 1020 pages.

Scientific articles. About 500 pages.

**Reference Literature**

Atkinson, A. B., & Stiglitz, J. E. (2015). *Lectures on Public Economics*. Updated Edition. Princeton University Press. 532 pages.

Myles, G. D. (1995). *Public economics*. Cambridge university press. 546 pages.

Salanie, B. (2011). *The economics of taxation*. MIT press. 237 pages.

Scientific articles. About 500 pages.