

# JSGS 802 – Public Finance

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<b>OFFICE LOCATION:</b>	110 – 2 Research Drive	
<b>TERM:</b>	Fall 2017 (September 14 – November 16)	
<b>ROOM:</b>	ED 312	
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	Thursdays, 1pm-5pm	

## CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to analyze the role of government in terms of the sources of market failure – factors that prevent the private sector from generating efficient and fair allocation of resources. The rationales for government intervention, the sources of government revenues, the ways in which funds are allocated, and the interactions between different levels of government around fiscal decisions are examined. This course is intended to be interactive by engaging in the discussion of current policy debates and fiscal issues that arise within multi-level governments.

## ATTRIBUTES OF JSGS GRADUATES

1. **Management, Governance, and Leadership:** Ability to inspire support for a vision or course of action and successfully direct the teams, processes, and changes required to accomplish it.
2. **Communication and Social Skills:** Ability to communicate effectively and build enduring, trust-based interpersonal, professional relationships.
3. **Systems Thinking and Creative Analysis:** Ability to identify key issues and problems, analyze them systematically, and reach sound, innovative conclusions.
4. **Public Policy and Community Engagement:** Ability to understand how organizational and public policies are formulated, their impact on public policy and management and how to influence their development.
5. **Continuous Evaluation and Improvement:** Commitment to on-going evaluation for continuous organizational and personal improvement.
6. **Policy Knowledge:** Ability to analyze and contribute content to at least one applied policy field.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- First day of JSGS 802 class – September 14
- Last day of JSGS 802 class – November 16
- Midterm exam (in class) – October 26
- Final exam (in class) – November 23, 1:15pm-3:15pm

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

The teaching assistant for this course is to be announced on the first day of class.

## EVALUATION

Assignment 1: Taxation, due in class on October 12	15%
Mid-term exam, in class on October 26	25%
Assignment 2: Flipped-classroom sessions (dates to be assigned)	20%
Hand-in assignment	10%
Student Presentations	10%
Final exam	30%
Class participation	10%
Total	100%

## LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments must be submitted by the due date. Exceptions can only be made when there are documented medical reasons and extraordinary circumstances.

## PARTICIPATION

For the meaning of participation and guidelines, the students can obtain more information by following this link: <http://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/documents/student-resources/student-participation-guidelines-2014.pdf>

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

*A detailed list of assigned readings and guest speakers will be provided on the first day of class.*

### **TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN CLASS:**

- 1. Setting the Stage: Public Finance in a Multilevel Political System**
- 2. Fiscal Federalism**
- 3. Tax Policy: Efficiency and Equity**
- 4. Tax Policy: Personal Income and Consumption Taxes**
- 5. Government Failure vs. Market Failure**
- 6. Health Spending in Canada**
- 7. Government's Role in Education**
- 8. Government's Role in Pensions**
- 9. Income Inequality**
- 10. Charity Financing**

## **STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

University of Regina (U of R): Students in this course who, because of a disability, may have a need for accommodations are encouraged to discuss this need with the instructor and to contact the Coordinator of Special Needs Services at (306) 585-4631.

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## **Students Experiencing Stress**

University of Regina (U of R): Students in this course who are experiencing stress can seek assistance from the University of Regina Counselling Services. For more information, please see the attached document, visit this website: <http://www.uregina.ca/student/counselling/contact.html>, or call (306) 585-4491 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saskatchewan time Monday to Friday.

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT**

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