Econ 344  PUBLIC FINANCE  Fall 2000

Text:  Rosen, Public Finance, 5th edition

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Course Outline and Reading Assignments

Chapter:  1  Public Finance and Attitudes Toward Government
2  Government at a Glance
4  Tools of Normative Analysis (Appendix only: pp. 55-57)
5  Public Goods
6  Externalities
7  Political Economy
EXAM 1
8  Income Redistribution: Conceptual Issues
9  Expenditure Programs for the Poor
10  Social Insurance I: Social Security and Unemployment Insurance
11  Social Insurance II: Health Care
13  Taxation and Income Distribution
EXAM 2
16  The Personal Income Tax
18  The Corporation Tax
19  Deficit Finance
20  Taxes on Consumption and Wealth
EXAM 3
21  Public Finance in a Federal System

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EXAMINATIONS AND GRADES

1.  Exams will be held during scheduled class time in 211 East Hall. Exams 1, 2 and 3 will
include multiple choice and short essay questions, graphing, and simple problems.
Exams will be announced at least one week in advance.

2.  Weighting of Exams and Problem Sets

    Exams 1, 2 and 3  60 percent
    Final exam  30 percent
3. Missing an Exam

If you miss Exam 1, 2 or 3 for a legitimate reason, we request a written excuse, such as a note from the student health center or other relevant third party. You will then be excused from the exam and your grade will be computed as follows:

- Grade on two exams: 40 percent
- Final exam: 50 percent
- Problem Sets, etc.: 10 percent

No make-ups will be given for exams 1, 2 or 3.

4. The final exam will be administered in accordance with university and departmental regulations.