



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

SØK 2700 Applied Microeconomics

Program

Bachelor in Auditing (2. year), Bachelor in Business Administration (2. year), Bachelor in Finance (2. year), Bachelor in IT-management (2. year)

Responsible for the course

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Department

Economics

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Objective

The purpose of the course is to develop an understanding for why we have a public sector and the trade-offs between efficiency and distributional concerns. More specialized topics addressed in this course include an understanding of the role of taxes in the allocation of resources and the distribution of welfare, market failure, public choice, privatization and international economics.

Prerequisites

The foundation program in Business Administration and SØK 9354 Microeconomics or the equivalent.

Compulsory literature

Books:

Grønn, Erik. 2005. Anvendt mikroøkonomi. Oslo: Cappelen Akademisk Forlag. (Utvalgte deler)

Recommended literature

Books:

Synnestrødt, Terje. 2006. Artikler og oppgaver i anvendt mikroøkonomi. 2.utgave. Oslo: Zigma Forlag

Course outline

- Public sector, facts and figures
- Markets, efficiency and distribution
- Market failure (Externalities, Public goods, Imperfect Information, Natural monopoly etc.)
- Taxation economics
- Resource and environmental economics
- International economics
- Public choice
- Privatization

Computer-based tools

Computer-based tools are not used in this course.

Course structure

36 hour in class, including exercises.

Evaluation

It will be held a mid-term exam that will be judged passed/failed and must be passed to obtain final grade in the course. In addition students may be called in to oral examination based on the mid-term exam and will be a part of the judgement passed/failed. A three-hour individual

written examination concludes the course.

Evaluation code(s)

SØK 27001 - Midterm exam in form of an individual written assignment. Passes/fail

SØK 27002 - written exam, which accounts for 100% of the grade in SØK 2700 Applied Microeconomics, 6 credits.

Aids at the examination

Advanced calculator, just one, is permitted.

Aids at the written examinations are explained under exam information in our web-based student handbook. Please note use of calculator. <http://www.bi.no/studenthandbook>.

Makeup exam

A makeup exam is held in every term.