

San José State University

Course and Contact Information

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| Class Days/Time: | N/A (asynchronous online course) |
| Classroom: | N/A |
| Prerequisites: | ECON 1B |

Course Description

From the SJSU course catalog: Microeconomics of the public sector, role of government in market systems, cost-benefit analysis, public choice theory, taxation, fiscal federalism, state and local government sector.

The focus of this course is on understanding the microeconomic foundations of public sector involvement in an economy. Essentially, we will start with the *reasons for* government involvement and intervention in a market economy, and also study the *impacts of* government expenditure programs and tax system behavior and welfare. We will be covering a wide range of theoretical issues relating to public finance with a focus on practical issues relating to U.S. based education, social insurance, healthcare, social security and taxation.

Course Format

This course will take place

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. *Identify and explain the rationale behind government intervention in market economies and the different microeconomics principles related to it*
2. *Identify and apply relevant microeconomic principles related to government involvement in a market economy to real-life case studies.*
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