ECON3000  
Public Economics  
Session 2, Special circumstances 2021  
*Department of Economics*

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.
General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
130cp at 1000 level or above including ((ECON110 or ECON111 or ECON1020) and 20cp at 2000 level or above)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit discusses the major traditional areas of taxation and public expenditure as well as emerging issues relating to public economics in a globalised world economy. Topics may include: taxation; public expenditure; public sector pricing; benefit-cost analysis; fiscal federalism; along with entirely new areas of research and inquiry that have recently emerged.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Examine critical issues and processes evolving in the economics of the public sector.
ULO2: Review changing local and global government intervention issues, structures and policies.
ULO3: Explain the working of the public policy issues in the wider democratic process.
ULO4: Analyse the requirements and roles of the public sector in a decentralised market
economy.

ULO5: Evaluate the necessity and effects of government fiscal decisions.

General Assessment Information

No extensions on within-session assessment tasks or the final examination will be granted. Students who have not submitted the task prior to the due date will be awarded a mark of 0 for the task, except for cases in which a formal application for Special Consideration is made (via http://www.ask.mq.edu.au) and approved.

During Quiz weeks (Weeks 4, and 11), Quizzes will be released on iLearn at 9 am on Monday and will close at 5 pm the following Sunday.

The Essay will be available on iLearn in Week 3 and will be due by 3 pm on Friday of Week 8.

Assessment Tasks

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Online assessments

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: Week 4, Aug 22 and Week 11, Oct 24
Weighting: 30%

There will be two online quizzes, each worth 15%.

On successful completion you will be able to:
• Explain the working of the public policy issues in the wider democratic process.
• Analyse the requirements and roles of the public sector in a decentralised market economy.
• Evaluate the necessity and effects of government fiscal decisions.

Essay

Assessment Type 1: Essay
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
The 2,500 word essay is designed to develop your understanding of the different ways in which government policies affect the economy.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Examine critical issues and processes evolving in the economics of the public sector.
- Review changing local and global government intervention issues, structures and policies.
- Explain the working of the public policy issues in the wider democratic process.

**Final exam**

Assessment Type 1: Examination
Indicative Time on Task 2: 40 hours
Due: University time table
Weighting: 50%

A two-hour exam will be held during the end of session formal exam period.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Examine critical issues and processes evolving in the economics of the public sector.
- Review changing local and global government intervention issues, structures and policies.
- Explain the working of the public policy issues in the wider democratic process.
- Analyse the requirements and roles of the public sector in a decentralised market economy.
- Evaluate the necessity and effects of government fiscal decisions.

If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.
Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation.

**Delivery and Resources**

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**Prescribed textbook**

Students are recommended to purchase the following textbook:


The text is available for purchase from Booktopia/Co-op by clicking here.

Additional weekly readings and resources will be made available on the unit iLearn site during the session.

**Technology used and required**

The unit uses the learning management system (iLearn) that can be accessed via iLearn.mq.edu.au.

The iLearn site is also used to post important notices. You should check this regularly. The iLearn web page has the facility to allow peer to peer discussion and also allows students to put questions to the teaching staff.

Zoom will be used for all remote consultation sessions. More information about accessing your MQ student Zoom account can be found here.

**Learning and teaching activities**

Students are expected to attend the weekly three-hour class. All classes will be delivered online. The classes will consist of a mix of lecture material, tutorial questions and discussions (details to be provided on iLearn at the start of the Session). The lectures and discussions will be streamed live and the recorded version will be available in iLearn-ECHO360. It is suggested that lecture slides and/or any readings be read in advance.

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct

**Results**

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian
Student Enquiry Service
For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.