

# Public Finance

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## Course description

This course teaches public finance at its introductory level. The topics range from normative issues, such as why and how we need the government to intervene in the market economy, to positive ones, such as how it intervenes in the economy in reality. A basic understanding of introductory microeconomics and macroeconomics is required.

## Objectives

This course aims to provide students with a basic understanding of Japan's public finance system and a basis for thinking about the desirable design of the system.

## Textbook

No textbook. The materials used in the classes will be uploaded to Waseda Moodle

## Evaluation

Final exam 40%, small exams (quiz) via Moodle 60%

## Schedule

	date	
1	10/7	Introduction
2	10/14	Roles of governments
3	10/21	Scope of governments and budget systems (1)
4	10/28	Scope of governments and budget systems (2)
5	11/11	Public investment and public capital
6	11/18	Local public finance and intergovernmental relationship (1)
7	11/25	Local public finance and intergovernmental relationship (2)
8	12/2	Tax systems and their effects (1)
9	12/9	Tax systems and their effects (2)
10	12/16	Public pension
11	12/23	Public health insurances
12	1/6	Budget balance
13	1/20	Ricardian equivalence
14	1/27	Review