# Instructions Week 9

* Click on Weekly Modules, and then Click on “Week 9 – Chapter 10, 11, & 12”. Read the document “Week 9 Instructions for Students” and follow the instructions there. I briefly summarize those instructions here:
* Read Chapter 10 in the textbook.
* Recall, free market outcomes are often efficient… Market Failure – a situation in which the “free market outcome” is inefficient, in that there is a positive Deadweight-Loss at the resulting “free market level of trade.” But, even in a market oriented economy (e.g., U.S.), government plays a substantial role in the economy One way to see how much the government is doing is to look at Government Spending as a Percentage of Gross If markets are so great (i.e., efficient), then why would we want government playing such a large role in the economy? Government intervention may be able to improve upon the allocation of resources in the presence of “market failure”
* Watch the Virtual Classroom Session” for chapter 10 (separated into a few separate files)
* Do the chapter 10 study guide questions
* Use the “Lecture Notes” and watch the “Application Videos” for chapter 10 if you need more help.
* Read Chapter 11 in the textbook.
* Government Failure – situations in which total social surplus is decreased by government intervention in a market. Two broad causes of government failure:
  + Government fails to perform a necessary task efficiently
  + Government fails to do only those tasks that it should do
* Even in instance of “market failure,” it would be naïve to conclude that the outcome with government intervention will always be “better” (smaller DWL) than without government intervention
* Watch the Virtual Classroom Session” for chapter 11 (separated into a few separate files)
* Do the chapter 11 study guide questions
* Read Chapter 12 in the textbook.
* The Distribution Function of Government: Recall… Government Intervention in markets and the economy is most often justified by arguing for government to serve one of the three following functions: Distribution Function – government policies aimed at changing the final distribution of goods/services across consumers, usually with the intention of realizing a “fairer” apportionment of consumption/income/wealth
* Watch the Virtual Classroom Session” for chapter 12 (separated into a few separate files)
* Do the chapter 12 study guide questions
* Use the “Lecture Notes” and watch the “Application Videos” for chapter 12 if you need more help.
* Take Quiz #5 by the due date.
* This quiz will cover only chapters 10-11-12. The quiz has 10 multiple choice questions and you will have 1 attempt and 20 minutes to finish.