

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
PSPA 277 - PUBLIC BUDGETING
SYLLABUS

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I. Course Objective:

This course is a survey of the main aspects of government budgeting as a function of public management, with an emphasis on the budgetary process and its politics, and the relationship of public budget to economic development and fiscal policies.

II. Textbook:

- Robert D. Lee Jr., Ronald W. Johnson & Philip G. Joyce, Public Budgeting Systems, 7th. Ed., Jones & Bartlett Publishers, 2004.

III. Course Requirements:

1. Students are asked to read the assigned readings before discussing them in class and are required to participate actively in class discussion.
2. Oral presentation is required from each student on a selected topic. Students are judged on the contents of their presentations and their ability to make informative talk in front of their classmates.
3. A mid-term and a final exam are part of the course requirements that cover both assigned readings and topics discussed in class.
4. Attendance is observed. Any absence that goes beyond 20% of class sessions will lead to a proposal to the Dean's office to drop the student concerned from this course, in accordance with university regulations.

IV. Final Grade Components:

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| 1. Class participation | 10% |
| 2. Presentation | 20% |
| 3. Mid-term Exam | 30% |
| 4. Final Exam | 40% |

V. Course Outline & Readings:

1. Introduction:

Ch. 1 (pp.1-24)

2. Budgetary Cycle:

Ch. 3 (pp.49-61)

Ch. 5 (pp.106-126)

Ch. 6 (pp.149-167; 173-179)

Ch. 8 (pp.236-251)

Ch. 9 (pp.268-274; 281-291)

Ch. 10 (pp.299-315)

Ch. 11 (pp.390-396)

3. Capital Budgeting & Debt Management:

Ch. 12 (pp.427-444; 466-470)

4. Public Budget & Economic Development:

Ch. 15 (pp.561-576; 584-600)

5. Concluding Remarks:

(pp.605-608)

NOTE: Other readings might be assigned during the semester, and will be announced in due time.

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