

# Advanced topics in Public Economics

## Lecturers

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## Course mnemonic

ECON-S414

## ECTS credits

5 credits

## Language(s) of instruction

English

## Course period

Second term

## Campus

Solbosch

## Course content

Topics cover a broad range of issues including analysis of specific public policies (e.g. subsidies to solar panels, tax reforms, social policies), survey of pricing policies for specific public policies, labor market policies,...).

Topics change every year.

Example :

- 1- Minimum Wage
- 2- Capital Income Tax
- 3- Class Size (Education)
- 4- Place Based Policies
- 5- Payroll Tax Subsidies
- 6- Active Labor Market Policy
- 7- Public Transit

## Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

At the end of the course, the students will be able to :

- Develop a strong analytical basis to answer a policy question
- Use the appropriate tools of economics to deal with a real issue
- Use both theoretical and empirical state of the art on a specific policy question

## Teaching method and learning activities

A few theory lectures to attend + paper writing and public presentations

## Contribution to the teaching profile

This course contributes to the development of the following skills (Economics) :

- Use data mining and management techniques as well as financial modeling to develop decision, evaluation or management tools
- Comprehensively assess potential solutions using economic, financial and other criteria as relevant to the situation at hand.
- Solve complex problems arising in economic, financial and public policy contexts to transfer knowledge in realistic solutions to operationalize solutions.
- Provide economic and financial recommendations and analyses at each stage of the process to keep stakeholders fully informed.

## References, bibliography and recommended reading

Supporting readings matching the topics choices are discussed with the students

## Other information

### Place(s) of teaching

Solbosch

### Contact(s)

itojerow@ulb.be

## Evaluation method(s)

Other

### Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

2 final written outputs (25%-55%) and oral presentation (20%)

### Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)

2 final written outputs (25%-55%) and oral presentation (20%)

### Main language(s) of evaluation

English

## Programmes

### Programmes proposing this course at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

MA-ECON | **Master in Economics : General** | finalité Economic  
Governance and Public Policy in Europe/unit 2

### Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

MA-ADMP | **Master in Public Administration** | finalité Professional/  
unit 2