### Module contents

The course covers key concepts of public economics, which studies how government taxing and spending activities affect the economy – economic efficiency and the distribution of income and wealth.

Lecture: After introducing the theory and methodology of public economics, we discuss a historical and theoretical overview of the public sector. We then focus on departures from efficiency (especially asymmetric information), taxation issues (including tax evasion, fiscal federalism and tax competition among independent jurisdictions), and the intertemporal issue of social security (especially pension system).

Seminar: covers current issues in public economics, e.g. reform of health care or pension system.

### Reader's advisory


### Links

http://www.fiwi.uni-oldenburg.de/

### Languages of instruction

German, English

### Duration (semesters)

1 Semester

### Module frequency

jährlich

### Module capacity

unlimited

### Reference text

The seminar will be conducted as a block seminar

### Modulelevel

SPM (Schwerpunktmodul)

### Modulart

Wahlpflicht

### Lern-/Lehrform / Type of program

V (2 SWS), S (2 SWS)

### Vorkenntnisse / Previous knowledge

- to understand sources of market failures and government failures
- understand taxing and spending activities of governments
- understand the distinction between normative and positive perspectives in the evaluation of government policy
- to apply economic methods to current issues in public economics
- present their research result in the form of written papers and oral presentations

## Examination

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### Course type

- Vorlesung und Seminar

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