



## Department of Economics Course Outline

		<b>Term:</b>	Fall 2009
<b>Course:</b>	Economics 405 [Political Economics of Public Policy]	<b>Section:</b>	01
<b>Time:</b>	Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 13:00 – 13:50pm	<b>Place:</b>	SA 147
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### Textbook:

- Dennis C. Mueller (1989), *Public Choice III*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, U.K.. (Required)
- Additional readings shall be posted as PDF files on Blackboard.

### Course Description:

This course introduces the student to the fundamentals of the literature on social choice and public choice. The social choice literature emphasizes the normative properties of voting rules, political competition, and social welfare functions. The public choice literature emphasizes how interest groups, bureaucracy, the judiciary, and legislative and executive bodies of government interact and compete.

### Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Midterm Examination .....	30% of total grade
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Final Examination .....	40% of total grade

Examinations are marked on a numerical basis. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	100	B	80-84	C-	60-64
A	95-99	B-	75-79	D+	55-59
A-	90-94	C+	70-74	D	50-54
B+	85-89	C	65-69	F	< 50

## Examinations

**Non-programmable** calculators are allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled 2 hour comprehensive final examination.

Tests and exams will **not** involve multiple choice questions.

## Notes:

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## Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor within fifteen days of the work being returned to the class.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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