

General Information			
Course name:	Public finance	ECTS Credits	6
		Semester	Summer
Aims			
<p>The aim of this course is to provide an introduction to the theory of public finance and practical knowledge of European union public finance. By the end of the course students will be able to describe and explain public finance and their functions, government expenditures and revenues; they will have fundamental knowledge of taxation, deficit and debt. The emphasis is also placed on practical knowledge about European union budget, its revenues and expenditures, budgetary principles, multiannual financial framework and coordination of budgetary policies in EMU and The European Stability Mechanism.</p>			
Contents			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular flow in the mixed economy. Public sector and public finance. Public finance functions (allocation, income redistribution and stabilization). • State and local government finance. Fiscal federalism. • Structure of government expenditures in EU countries. • Taxes. Principles of taxation. The impact of taxes on market prices and efficiency. • Budget balance and government debt. • Coordination of budgetary policies in EMU - The Stability and Growth Pact, the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the EMU, European Semester...) • The European stability mechanism. • Multiannual financial framework. • The budget of European Union – principles, differences from national budgets, budgetary process. • Revenues and expenditures of the budget of EU. 			
Evaluation			
<p>Participation in prescribed consultations (4 times during the semester), presentation of seminar work (20%), written exam (80%)19835</p>			
Bibliography			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HYMAN, D. 2005. <i>Public finance: A Contemporary Application of Theory to Policy</i>. Mason, Ohio: Thompson South-Western. 2. EUROPEAN COMMISSION, 2008. <i>European Union Public Finance</i>. 4th edition. Belgium. 3. EUROPEAN COMMISSION. <i>Multiannual Financial Framework</i>. [online]. Available at: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/mff/index_en.cfm. 4. EUROPEAN COMMISSION. <i>Budget</i> [online]. Available at: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/index_en.cfm. 5. The European Stability Mechanism. [online]. Available at: http://www.esm.europa.eu/. 			