School: Tiomkin School of Economics B.A

Applied Economics

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Course No.: Course Type : Weekly Hours : Credit:
9078  Lecture  3  3

Course Requirements : Group Code : Language:
Final Exam  231907803  English

Prerequisites

Prerequisite:
9012 - Microeconomics I: consumers and firms behavior under perfect competition OR 9683 - Microeconomics I: consumers and firms behavior under perfect competition
9018 - Microeconomics II : consumers and firms behavior under perfect competition OR 3059 - Microeconomics II : consumers and firms behavior under perfect competition
9019 - Microeconomics III : consumers and firms behavior under perfect competition OR 3060 - Microeconomics III : consumers and firms behavior under perfect competition
9020 - Macroeconomics I OR 3057 - Macroeconomics I
9021 - Macroeconomics II OR 3058 - Macroeconomics II
9022 - Introduction to Econometrics
Course Description

This course is a course that focuses on Policy Discussions

1. In most of the meetings we will have guest speakers from either the public sector or the academia that were involved in policy discussion.
2. The students will be divided by the lecturer to teams of 2-3 that will prepare a presentation to discuss the issue of each class.
3. The team will present the discussed policy and will present to the class the pros and the cons of the policy that is discussed.
4. **The group should prepare a presentation that will include the following:**
   1. A summary of the policy recommendation that are related to the discussion.
   2. The economic model that is relevant to analyze the issues.
   3. Empirical finding or theoretical insights from the professional literature and a discussion of pros and cons.
   4. You should prepare 2 questions to the guest speaker that will appear in the last slide of the presentation. During the guest speaker appearance you should present the questions. You will not get a grade to your presentation if the questions would not be presented to the guest speaker.
   5. The presenters should be able to answer the questions of the students and lecturer.

Course Goals

The main goal of this course is to teach the students to connect between the theories taught during their studies and the empirical applications of economic and social policy. The series of lectures will connect between the theory and practice using academic analysis and critical analysis (not necessarily negative) of the suggested policy. In each one of the subject that we learn we will include a policy document. Part of these documents will include recommendation of committees in subject of social and economics. The students should evaluate the suggested policy in accordance with its goals. In addition to the individual work in this course, the students will be assigned to groups of discussion and appraisal. Each group will present a 35 minutes presentation of detailed discussion of the positive and negative aspects of the suggested policy. You will need to use the tools and material that you acquired in previous courses in economics.
Grading

The grade of the class:

10% average grade of class assignments

20% presentation (prepared in groups of 2-3 students)

30% policy analysis proposal

40% exam - you must get at least a 60 to pass the class.

Class requirements:

1. **Attendance and participation are mandatory.** The class participation will be part of the grade. Missing more than two classes for whatever reason without approval from the student's administration will result with -5 points of the final grade per missed class above 2 classes. We will use the moodle attendance monitoring tool.

2. Students should ask questions or make comments in class and each class in which you participated will documented in moodle.

3. **Present the report/topic in the class.** The group can ask to meet with the TA or with one of the lecturers to receive instructions about how to build the presentation.

4. **Class Assignements**
   1. Weekly 2 multiple choice questions on the reading. The deadline to answer is until midnight of the class day.
   2. By November 9th, 2023 - Literary Search Excercise - Find three papers from the top journal in one Economic Policy topic of your choice and write their citation only (authors, title, journal, issue, year etc.) (Graded).
   3. By November 23th, 2023 - You must submit a Policy Analysis Question. You are free to consult with me before hand. (Graded).
   4. By November 30th, 2023 - You need to submit a literature survey of three papers that are related to the Economic Policy Question. You will need to survey at least 3 academic papers from leading economic journals such as the Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Economic Literature and leading field journals such as the journal of Public Economics, the Journal of Labor Economics, etc. You should work with your English instructor on that. The deadline for submitting the literature review is December 7th, 2023.(Graded).
   5. **Submit a proposal for policy analysis in a specific field.** This will be done in pairs according to your choice. After you submit the literature review you should work on your proposal how to analyze the policy in the topic that you chose. The deadline for that would be on our last class of the semester. The proposal will include the literature review and the plan for the policy paper as discussed in the instruction for the proposal.
   6. Final exam would be on the class discussion including the readings. A Sample exam would be posted on moodle.
Lecturer Office Hours
Please sign up on the Office Hours Signup Sheet

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Reading List
All readings will be posted on moodle watch the weekly directories.

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Prof. Zvi Eckstein

21.12.2022
Dean of Tiomkin School of Economics, Reichman University
Israel Growth Strategy

Dr. Yair Eilat, Former Chief Economist at the Competition Authority

28.12.2022
Anti Trust Regulation

Prof. Zvi Eckstein

4.1.2023
Dean of Tiomkin School of Economics, Reichman University

11.1.2023
Dr. Yigal Menashe
Credit Rating Policy

18.1.2023
Dr. Yael Hadass
The Research Proposal

25.1.2023
TBA

All readings will be uploaded to moodle every week.