

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
PSPA 277 - PUBLIC BUDGETING
SYLLABUS

I. Course Objective

This course is a survey of the main aspects of government budgeting, with an emphasis on fiscal planning, processes, and the role of the public budget in development.

II. Textbook

Robert D. Lee Jr. and Ronald W. Jolmson, Public Budgeting Systems 6th. Ed., An Aspen Publication, 1998.

Course Requirements

1. Students are asked to read the assigned readings before discussing them in class.
2. Oral presentation is required from each student on a selected topic. Students are judged on the contents of their presentations and their ability to make informative talk in front of their classmates.
3. A mid-term and a final exam are part of the course requirements that cover assigned readings and topics discussed in class.
4. Attendance is observed. Any absence that goes beyond 20% of class sessions will lead to a proposal to the Dean's office to drop the student concerned from this course, in accordance with university regulations.

IV. Final Grade Components

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| I. Class participation | 10 % |
| 1. Presentation | 20 % |
| 2. Mid-term Exam | 30 % |
| 3. Final Exam | 40 % |

V. Course Outline & Readings

1. Introduction: Ch. 1 (pp.1- 23) Ch. 2 (pp.25-45)
2. Budgetary Cycle: Ch. 3 (pp. 47-58) Ch. 5 (pp.95 – 122)
Ch. 6 (pp.129-165) Ch. 8 (pp.201-222)
Ch. 10 (pp.265-275) Ch. 11 (pp.337-342)
3. Capital Budgeting: Ch. 12 (pp.362-378)
4. Public Budget & Economic Development: Ch. 15 (pp. 476-488, 495-504)
5. Concluding Remarks: (pp.511-514)

NOTE: Other readings might be assigned during the semester, and will be announced in due time.