



Department of Economics Course Outline

Term: Fall 2004

Course: Economics 355
[Canadian Public Finance]

Section: 01

Time: TR 08:00 ? 09:15

Place: A 140

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Textbook(s):

Strick, John, *The Public Sector in Canada: Programs, Finance and Policy*, Thompson Education Publishing, 1999.

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

Other Required Reading:

TBA ? supplementary articles and publications may be assigned throughout the course (they will be provided)

Course Description:

The course will cover the role of the government in the economy, including the roles of the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government. The course will cover all chapters of the required textbook (Strick), with the exception of Chapter 7. The lectures will be based on the topics in the textbook, but will be supplemented with discussion of current events and news stories related to government spending, taxation and fiscal policy. Assignments and examinations will draw from BOTH the textbook readings and the class discussions.