

## Information sheet for the course Economics of the Public Sector

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Faculty of Social and Economic Relations</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>LZPV41</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Economics of the Public Sector</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsory elective</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly/28 hours per semester of study; full-time</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>3</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of study (full-time)</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of study ( part-time)</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>II (Master)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>During the semester, there will be one written test, in which students may score 30 points. Assessment: A: 24 points, B: 18 points, C: 12 points, D: 6 points, E: 5 points. Credits will not be awarded to students who scored less than 5 points in the written test. At the end of the semester during the examination period: Exam. Final grading: achieved average.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>After the course completion, students will gain insight and knowledge about the role of private, public and third sector in the mixed economy, the economy, the public sector as applied scientific disciplines, which are connected to different sectors of the economy of the public sector, for example economics of defense, education, health etc. Student are to know the terms of public sector issue, the basic data and with regards to the organization and functioning of the public sector in Slovakia, also its structure and methods of measuring its size, political and economic areas in terms of public choice theory, the cause of the public sector as well as the causes of inefficiency public sector reform, and the bureaucracy. The student should understand the economics and efficiency of the public sector, the role of the management of public authorities in managing various sectors, regions and sections of the public sector and also to the role of public choice. The current state of public utilities and services, and the importance of the state budget as the most important part of public finances. After successful completion of a learning process the student should be able to do the analysis, and reporting on the share of each sector within a mixed economy, the importance and size of the public sector within the EU and the OECD, the overall condition of the individual sections, areas and sector and public sector share of public policies on the public sector. Further evaluation of reform changes aimed at eliminating inefficiencies in the public sector and in the activity of bureaucracy - official may apparatus in the public sector.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Introduction to the lectures - content of the course, recommended literature, testing requirements. Definition of terms in the public sector.</i></li> <li><i>2. Theoretical and methodological problems of the public sector.</i></li> <li><i>3. The definition of the public sector and its structure.</i></li> <li><i>4. The reasons for the existence of public sector.</i></li> <li><i>5. The objectives and functions of public sector.</i></li> <li><i>6. The size, content and nature of public sector.</i></li> <li><i>7. Public Choice Theory.</i></li> <li><i>8. The efficiency of the public sector.</i></li> <li><i>9. Economics, finance, legislation, management and international players in the defense of the State PA.</i></li> <li><i>10. The role and importance of education in the public sector.</i></li> </ol>	

11. *Public Service.*  
 12. *Characteristics of a public-private partnership.*  
 13. *Free theme chosen by the students. Consultations.*

**Recommended / required reading:**

- Kútik, J. – Langerová, P.: *Verejný sektor (zákl. pojmy, charakteristika, financie, kontrola).* TnUAD, Trenčín 2006  
 Klierová, M. – Kútik, J.: *Verejný sektor.* TnUAD, Trenčín 2013  
 Kolektív autorov.: *Ekonomía a financovanie verejného sektora.* UMB, Banská Bystrica 1997  
 Benčo, J. – Michalko, J.: *Verejná ekonomika.* PF UKF, Nitra 2000  
 Benčo, J.: *Ekonomika vzdelávania.* Iris, Bratislava 2002  
 Beňová, E. – Cibáková, V. – Plavčan, P.: *Úvod do teórie verejného sektora.* VŠEM VS, Bratislava 2006  
 Beňová, E. – Neubauerová, E.: *Ekonomika verejného sektora.* VŠEM VS, Bratislava 2007  
 Duben, R.: *Neziskový sektor v ekonomice a spoločnosti.* Codex, Praha 1996  
 Hamalová, M. – Martinka, J.: *Ekonomika verejného sektora.* APZ, K SV D, Bratislava 2006  
 Musgrave, R. A. – Musgraveová, P. B.: *Veřejné financie v teorii i praxi.* Management Press, Praha 1994  
 Strečková, Y.: *Teorie veřejného sektora.* MU, Brno 1998  
 Strečková, Y.: *Veřejná ekonomie pro školu i praxi.* Computer Press, Brno 1998  
 Ochrana, F.: *Manažerské metody ve veřejném sektoru.* Ekopress, Praha 2002  
 Ochrana, F.: *Veřejná volba a řízení veřejných výdajů.* Ekopress, Praha 2003  
 Ochrana, F.: *Veřejný sektor a efektivní rozhodování.* Management Press, Praha 2001  
 Stiglitz, J. E.: *Ekonomie veřejného sektora.* Grada, Praha 2001  
 Neubauerová, E. – Beličková, K.: *Nástroje ekonomiky veřejného sektora.* VŠEM VS, Bratislava 2008  
 Časopis FSEV – Sociálno-ekonomická revue.  
 Zborníky a časopisy: *Odporúčané články a štúdie.*

**Language:** Slovak

**Remarks:** *Course is offered in the winter semester of the first year of full-time study and part-time study. This course is compulsory-elective.*

**Evaluation history:**

*Total number of students being assessed: 87*

A	B	C	D	E	FX
28.74	12.64	32.18	10.34	13.79	2.3

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