

Economics and Government

Economics 104

Section: D100

Term: 2008 Spring

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Discussion Topics: Everyday you are touched by government in more ways than you might realize. From the time you get up in the morning, secure in the belief that your property is protected by publicly provided police and courts, as you travel to school by public transit on government built roads to take classes subsidized by taxpayers, to when you and your friends close out the day by going to the pub, whose business license and hours of operation is controlled by the state, you deal with government in its various forms.

The purpose of this class is to examine the economic role of government, and to develop criteria and tools with which to evaluate government policies. In doing so, it is hoped that by the end of the semester, you will have the tools and institutional knowledge necessary to analyse and evaluate both proposed and existing policies in arriving at your own conclusions.

Grading: 2 Midterms @ 25% 50%

Assignments 15%

Final Exam 35%

Required Texts: ECON 104 Reader, available in the SFU bookstore.

Wheelan, Charles. Naked Economics: Undressing the Dismal Science. New York: W.W. Norton, 2002.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None. This courses meets Breadth-Social Sciences requirement.

Notes: ****NO TUTORIALS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES****

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