

Economics 452
State and Local Finance

This course is a survey of the ways which state and local governments spend funds and raise revenues. We will review economic concepts behind fiscal institutions, operations, and policies. We will apply these concepts in our examination and analysis of real-life government policies in a variety of different states, including Hawaii.

Class Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30-8:45am, 541 Saunders Hall

My Office Hours

Mondays and Fridays 1-2pm, 531 Saunders Hall

Course Materials

Required textbook: Ronald C. Fisher, *State and Local Public Finance*, 3rd Edition.

Requirements and Grades

Final class grades will be based on the following:

Attendance and Quizzes	10%
Problem Sets	20%
Midterm	20%
Final Exam	50%

There are no makeup quizzes. Students are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in-class discussions.

The final will be held according to the University's final exam schedule. There are NO MAKEUP EXAMS so it is essential that you be able to attend these dates.

If you require any disability-related special accommodations for exams, please speak to me the first week of class so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

Lecture Schedule and Readings

A complete reading schedule will be passed out the first week of instruction.

The lecture schedule will roughly follow the order of topics followed in the Fisher textbook.

Midterm and Final Exam

The final exam questions will follow the format of the problem set and quiz questions. The exam will be used to test knowledge of the material presented in lectures and in the textbook.