Public Policy Analysis

Module Code: ECO00039M  Credits: 20  Term: 1 - 2
Contact Hours: 16 Lectures, 12 Seminars (28 contact hours)
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Overview:
This module has two parts: the first part (Autumn Term) examines the theoretical issues surrounding distributive justice, inequality, poverty, human capital and output measurement; the second part (Spring Term) considers how economic techniques can be used to evaluate public policy in areas such as education, health care, retirement pensions and housing.

Aims:
To survey the main economic concepts and principles used in the analysis of public policy and demonstrate how they can be applied in practice.

Objectives:
On completing the module a student will be able to:

- identify the economic aspects of public policy
- understand the economic techniques used to analyse and appraise public policy
- apply these techniques to current policy questions
- reach an independent critical judgement about public policy matters

Assessment:
There will be a three-hour unseen examination scheduled for the Summer Term.

Pre-requisites:
None

Main References:
Useful as preliminary background reading are:

