

Dear MPA502L700F Students:

Welcome to MPA 502, Economics in the Public Sector for the Fall of 2009. The course begins August 31, 2009 and ends on October 24, 2009.

Economics in the Public Sector examines the role of government in the national macro and micro economy. The course explores the impact of public issues such as inflation, unemployment, deficits, social security, poverty and health care. The course uses supply and demand to understand microeconomics and the model of aggregate supply and demand to understand macroeconomics related to public policy. These tools are applied from a public policy point of view.

Upon entering the course for the first time, you will find the syllabus and other information in the left side tabs area of the opening page. Among other things, the syllabus serves as a guide to our readings and topics for each week. The syllabus explains the assignments and testing that will evaluate your knowledge of this material.

The reading material for the course is as follows:

Moomaw, Olsen, Applegate, and McLean, Economics and Cotemporary Issues, 8th Edition, South-Western (Cengage Learning), 2010

Weekly access to the Wall Street Journal for economic articles related to course topics.

You can order the books online from our Marist Bookstore (<http://marist.bkstore.com>).

Please make sure to get your textbook before class begins. The first class will cover chapters 1 and 2, concerning Growth, Scarcity, Decisions, Economic Systems, Markets, and Prices.

If you have any questions, please contact me at david.polan@marist.edu (or in an emergency drpolan@nycap.rr.com and (518)463-2888).

I look forward to meeting you during the first week of class (iLearn.marist.edu).

Sincerely,

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