

TO: MPA 502 Students

Welcome to MPA 502: Economics in the Public Sector for the Fall 2009. The course begins on August 31st, 2009 and ends on October 23, 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 health care, unemployment, inflation, deflation, social security, air pollution, poverty, deficits and international trade on the economy. The course examines the nature of the national macro and micro economy from a public issues based point of view. In many cases we are looking at the economy from the viewpoint of a government economist examining various policy choices.

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 contains our readings and assignments for each week. The syllabus serves a course calendar of activities and contains a course schedule section.

The reading material for the course is as follows:

Moomaw, Olsen, Applegate, and McLean, Economics and Contemporary Issues, 8th Edition, South-Western (Cengage Learning) 2009 (required)

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

Please make sure to get your textbook before class begins and be sure to order the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the textbook.

If you have any questions, please contact me at,  
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I look forward to meeting you during the first week of class.  
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