

New Course!

ECON 133, Section 01 **Public Choice**

The Economics Department will be offering one section of Public Choice Economics. Though similar to Public Finance, Public Choice focuses on political institutions, voting, rent seeking, special interests, legislative and judicial decision-making, bureaucracy, and the provision of government services. Public Choice Theory approaches decision-making similar to the approach of decision-making in the private sector. Politicians and Government Bureaucrats are motivated by self-interest or purposeful behavior. Economics 133 will cover basic public choice theory with specific emphasis on local government.

Prerequisite: ECON 1B
4 Units

Monday and Wednesday | 1:30 - 2:45pm | DMH 166

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