PUAD 6310 - SEMINAR: PROBLEMS OF BUDGETARY ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL POLICY

Credit Hours: 3 hours

Course Instructor:

Prerequisites: PUAD 6305

Course Objectives in relation to total curriculum

- The course will enable students to:
  - Be familiarized with the relationship between economy and government action
  - Know the relationship between state action and the satisfaction of social needs
  - Identify budgeting strategies which lead to transparency, accountability and public trust
  - Know the difference between personal and public ethics
  - Demonstrate the capacity to formulate and prove a hypothesis based on the analysis of the reform proposals discussed in class
  - Express with clarity, coherence, and correction, orally as well as in written work

Course Description

Analysis of different topics related to the budgetary and the policy-making processes, and how they reflect the priorities of the government. Special emphasis is given to the analysis of the budgetary process and the contemporary controversies and challenges surrounding the fiscal crisis.

Major Topics

The role of the state in the Puerto Rico of the XXI century; why a state? Should it behave as an owner state or as a promoter and regulator state? Thoughts on the role of the individual in the functioning of the state, personal ethics, public ethics and institutional ethics. Public spending and social wellbeing; Public budget, the market and public spending in Puerto Rico. A needed budget reform for more transparent and accountable finances; Programmatic structure and program evaluation. Other cases; International and Federal regulations.

Typical Texts and Readings


OECD (2015) Achieving Public Sector Agility at Times of Fiscal Consolidation


