

**Syllabus
GPP 301
Microeconomic Analysis for Public Policy
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Course meetings: Tuesday and Wednesday: 2:00pm to 3:20pm, CHOI 120.
Tutorials: Thursdays, 10-11; 11-12. PCOH 1009
Office Hours: TBA.
Office Location: IONA, #211

Course Overview:

This course will introduce you to the analytical tools used in microeconomics that can be applied to public policy problems. We will start with the competitive market benchmark and then examine situations where markets fail. Each source of market failure will be examined from a theoretical perspective, followed by policy examples.

Course Schedule and Reading List:

Please consult the course schedule web page to see the plan for the semester. For each date, there are readings and links to course materials provided.

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Evaluation:

Problem set	10%
Participation	10%
3 x policy memo	30%
Final Exam	50%

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