CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs
SPRING SEMESTER 2006

SYLLABUS
BUDGETARY POLICY
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Time/Place:  Tuesday  6:00 - 9:50 p.m.   UR #107
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TEXT BOOKS:

Additionally, articles and documents passed out in class are required reading.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course covers public budgeting and finance in the context of America’s political economy. It explores the issue of what should be the appropriate role of government in the economy and in society. It reviews American capitalism and democracy, their historical evolution, and the policy and budgetary tools available to political leaders and public administrators. It reviews sources of revenue, patterns of expenditure and the debt structure of American governmental units. It also includes an examination of budgetary processes, formats, and accounting systems. The class will meet on Tuesdays, beginning January 17, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:50 p.m. Teaching methods will include lectures, group discussions, guest speakers, written reports, oral presentation, field trip experiences and examinations.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
A. Attendance and punctuality are expected in all classes. If an absence is essential, the student is still responsible for any assignments made or due during his/her absence.

B. Participation is essential to learning, so reading assignments prior to class and collegial interaction among classmates in class are all expected.

C. Prepare and submit all written assignments according to instructions. A lesser grade will be given if instructions are not followed, and ten points (10) will be deducted on assignments turned in late. Papers must be word processed, double spaced, grammar and spell checked.

D. No gum chewing and no yawning in class. You may drink, snack, stand or leave the room.
COURSE GRADING

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COURSE SCHEDULE

January 17   Orientation and review of budget policies and documents

January 24   Public Budgeting in Perspective. Gosling, Chapter 1
             The Politics of Public Budgets. Rubin, Chapter 1

January 31   Budgetary Decision Making. Gosling, Chapter 2
             Special Reading: “Basics of Municipal Budgeting and Accounting”
             Cities and Villages   Ohio Municipal League

February 7   No Class   Field Experience for Assignment “A”
             Attend a City Council Budget Hearing or Interview a Public Finance Director.
             Write a paper which highlights how decisions were made on a particular budget
             Issue. Information from Gosling Chapter 2 and Rubin Chapter 1  must be used
             as a guide for writing the paper.  15% of grade

February 14  Economics and Politics. Gosling Chapter 3

February 21  Taxing and Spending. Gosling Chapter 4
             Revenue Politics. Rubin, Chapter 2.

February 28  Turn In Assignment A. Make verbal presentation of papers.

March 7      No Class   Take Home Midterm due by 5:00 p.m. March 9th. 30% of Grade

March 21     National Budgeting. Gosling, Chapter 5
             The Politics of Process, Rubin, Chapter 3
             Speaker:

March 28     Budgeting in the States. Gosling, Chapter 6
             Articles: State of Ohio Executive Budget
             Speaker:

April 4      Budgeting in Local Units of Government. Gosling, Chapter 7
             Speaker:

April 11     Budget Execution and Financial Management. Gosling, Chapter 8
             Budget Execution: The Politics of Adaption. Rubin, Chapter 7
             Budget Implementation and Control. Rubin chapter 8
April 18  Patterns of Stability and Change in Public Budgeting. Gosling, Chapter 9

April 25  Assignment “B” due tonight and prepare to read in class.  15% of grade
Write a four or more page paper analyzing a controversial aspect of the
Federal Budget proposed for 2007

May 2    The Politics of Balancing the Budget. Rubin, chapter 6

May 12   Final Examination. In Class.  30% of Grade

Assignment “C”.  10% of grade
Select a minicase from a Rubin chapter. Explain it and relate it to another case of budgeting that
interested you. Make your presentation on the night that chapter is discussed in class.