

Economics 337: Writing Assignment #2

In this assignment, you are to write about a specific policy issue. Choose a topic area from the list at [the Google sheets page](#).

Instructions:

- Read at least one policy paper describing in detail the issue you have chosen. Where possible, focus on Canada and the policy environment here, not the rest of the world.
- Pay special attention to papers published by the major Canadian policy think tanks, like C. D. Howe Institute, Calgary School of Public Policy, and Institute for Research on Public Policy.
- If your topic relates to tax policy, you may choose to read any chapter from the textbook *Tax Policy in Canada* ([Canadian Tax Foundation, 2012](#)). You may also choose to read the Department of Finance's [Tax Expenditures and Evaluations reports](#).
- Relate your ideas to the key concepts discussed in this course.
- Be specific and opinionated. Express your own opinion in your own words. Relate your arguments to the key concepts of equity, efficiency, externalities, as discussed in this course. To help set your ideas, start by reading a relevant chapter from the Gruber textbook.
- Your essay should be about 4 pages long (2000 words).
- All sources you consult should be cited in your paper. List them all in the references section, and cite them in the text in the appropriate places. See [How Not to Plagiarize](#) from the Writing Centre.

In grading, points will be assigned for:

- originality of argument
- structure and clarity of the text
 - use paragraph form and proper sentences
 - clearly state a thesis in the introductory paragraph
 - for more suggestions on good writing, see the Writing Centre website
- application of economic concepts taught in this course

This assignment must be submitted via [turnitin.com](#). A penalty of 10% will apply for each week it is late.