

## PPA 555 and PPA 696 Prerequisites

Below is a list of acceptable courses at CSULB and course descriptions.

### PPA 555

#### Microeconomics

ECON 101 - Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 300 - Fundamentals of Economics

PPA 518 - Microeconomics for Public Administrators, or equivalent

### PPA 696

#### Statistics

STAT 108 - Statistics for Everyday Life

PPA 517 - Analytical Skills Development

## Course Descriptions

### Microeconomics

#### ECON 101 - Principles of Microeconomics

Business organization, price theory, allocation of resources, distribution of income, public economy.

#### ECON 300 - Fundamentals of Economics

Presents basic training in economics for social studies teachers or citizens who wish to exercise a reasoned judgment about economic issues in public affairs.

#### PPA 518 - Microeconomics for Public Administrators

This course covers the key principles of microeconomics such as supply, demand, and market processes. Further, it provides extensive coverage of topics that concern public sector decisions, such as public goods, externalities, welfare analysis, and cost-benefit analysis. The course will strive to analyze the societal effects of these decisions, examine the economic arguments of the different public choices, and offer real-world issues that will help motivate students to learn microeconomics. Additionally public sector decision makers need to understand the dynamics of private markets (including their limitations and failures) and the principles of efficient production. By relating traditional topics, such as market equilibrium and efficiency, to public sector issues, the course will demonstrate the applicability of economic concepts to a wide range of public decisions.

### Statistics

#### STAT 108 - Statistics for Everyday Life

Exploratory data analysis, methods of visualizing data, descriptive statistics, misuse and manipulation of data in statistical analysis, probability, binomial and normal distributions, hypothesis testing, correlation and regression, contingency tables.

#### PPA 517 - Analytical Skills Development

Designed to develop or improve the skills needed to perform analytical work in the public sector. Emphasis is on the methods of analysis and evaluation used in public service organizations. Communication of results.