We will study the Federal Budget in its many particulars, including the relevant and case law, statutory framework, institutional structure, and important policy components, such as discretionary spending, entitlements, and regulatory analysis. We will discuss the budget process as it evolves during the year, beginning with CBO’s Baseline Reports, Release of the President’s Budget, Development and Passage of the Congressional Budget Resolution, the Appropriations Process, and (sometimes) Reconciliation.

Grades will be based upon a paper, due the last class period, Thursday, November 19th. I will circulate a list of topics, from which you can choose to write or we can mutually agree on the topic. We will have multiple individual meetings on your papers.

We will use a variety of sources, including:

**Attachment 1 (law review articles, cases, and DOJ opinions)**

**Attachment 2 (Chapters from the Budget Puzzle, of which I am a co-author, on reserve).**

You should also regularly visit:
- [https://www.cbo.gov](https://www.cbo.gov)
- [https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb](https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb)
- [http://crfb.org](http://crfb.org)
- [http://www.concordcoalition.org](http://www.concordcoalition.org)

We will begin with introductory class sessions and the Stith and Sidak articles, cited in Attachment 1.
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Stith, “Congress’ Power of the Purse”, 97 Yale L.J. 1343, (June 1988), pp 1343-1396


United States v. Dickerson, 310 U.S. 554 (1940).


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