During your academic discussion, you might encounter fields and questions based on the compulsory courses you passed throughout your study. You should then be ready to answer them. The examples of such fields are:

- Economic functions of the state, reasons for governmental interventions in the economy, public sector and its size, individual decision-making versus decision-making through the political process
- Public sector revenues, tax principles and their influence in tax policy reform design, harmonization and coordination of tax policy
- Public sector expenditure (models of pension systems, funding of health-care, education policy and research, welfare policy)
- Long term sustainability of public finance, reforms, Macro-prudential policy and Debt Management
- Public projects (theory, design, public procurement and PPP)
- Public projects evaluation (process, criteria, methods)
- Public policy – public policy and its analysis
- (role, principles, aims, phases, areas, actors, analysis and evaluation)
- Applied public policy (Healthcare and health policy)
- Labour market (concepts, developments, measurement evaluation)
- Socioeconomic inequalities (social policy concepts, types and sources of inequalities, policies to reduce inequalities, effectiveness)