

# COURSE DETAIL

## INTRODUCTION TO TAX POLICY

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

London School of Economics

**Program(s)**

Summer at London School of Economics

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Legal Studies Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

120

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO TAX POLICY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

INTRO TO TAX POLICY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

**Course Description**

This course navigates popular arguments about tax policy and relates them to their academic roots: in political theory, economics, sociology, and law (among others). Tax policy is often regarded as the exclusive domain of economists. But any "all-things-considered" judgement about how to design a tax system must rely on more than just efficiency and incentives (although these are also important). To understand, let alone to influence, real-world debates about tax policy as they appear in newspapers or in government, a range of academic approaches is required. The course equips students with an introductory toolkit for explaining and evaluating current and proposed tax policies. The main examples are taken from the UK and US tax systems, but the insights generated are truly global. The course provides an academically-rigorous introduction to tax policy that would prepare students for further study of tax at undergraduate or masters level. It could also be taken as a "general interest" course and would be useful to anyone aspiring to work in public policy, political journalism, or government.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

LL110

**Host Institution Course Title**

INTRODUCTION TO TAX POLICY

**Host Institution Campus**

London School of Economics

**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

Law