

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

3.70

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

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

London School of Economics

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Law

Course Last Reviewed

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