

# TAX & SOCIAL INSURANCE

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This course will cover issues in the optimal design of tax and social insurance policies, both from a theoretical and empirical perspective. Topics include efficiency costs and incidence of taxation, income taxation, transfer and welfare programs, public goods and externalities, optimal social insurance, and welfare analysis in behavioral models. I would like to thank Raj Chetty, who's Public Finance Course provides much of the inspiration and material for this syllabus and notes.

The course consists of 6 lectures, each lasting 2.5 hours.

Part 1: Tax Incidence and Efficiency Cost of taxation

Part 2: Optimal Taxation

Part 3: Income Taxation and Labor Supply

Part 4: Social Insurance

Part 5: Public Goods and Externalities

Part 6: Corporate Taxation

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