

ECP77333 — Tax and Welfare

Module Information	
Module Code	ECP77333
Module Title	Tax and Welfare
Department	Economics
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Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5
Semester	Semester 1
Contact Hours	14

Module Content	
Module Description	This module will examine the design of the tax, welfare and pensions system, with a focus on the effects it has on individuals, redistribution and incentives to work. Students will be introduced to microsimulation, a tool widely used by policy makers and researchers to simulate the impact of actual or proposed reforms on households.
Module Learning Aims	None
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module, students should be able to: MLO12.1 Demonstrate the rationale for taxation and government spending on pensions and welfare MLO12.2 Explain who pays taxes and receives benefit or pension payments MLO12.3 Assess how payments and taxes redistribute income and affect the decisions of individuals and households MLO12.4 Simulate changes to the tax-benefit system using microsimulation MLO12.5 Interpret the effects of proposed or actual policy reforms on individuals, redistribution and incentives
Indicative Reading / Resources	None

Assessment	
Assessment Components	Written assignment 30% Written Exam 70%
Assessment Details	None

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	None
Co-requisites	None
Any other information	None