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Exams: There will be two exams: a midterm exam and a final exam.
   Exam 1: February 13th or 25th in class (12pm-2pm)
   Exam 2: Exam Period

Readings: There is no textbook for this course. Readings are available electronically through the course website.

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PhD Students: Any PhD student taking this course for credit is required to visit my (or any other faculty member’s) office hours twice this semester to discuss research interests and summer paper ideas. Topics discussed do not need to be related to topics covered in this course. If you meet with someone other than me, send me an email with the faculty member’s name and the meeting date. I will not assign a grade for the course until this has been completed. PhD students are also required to participate in a supplemental reading group (detailed in separate handout).

Problem Sets:

- You may work on problem sets in groups of up to 3 people (including you). Groups should turn in 1 problem set with all participants’ names listed on the first page. All group members will receive the same grade on the problem set.
- Electronic (e.g. emailed) problem sets will not be accepted.
- No late problem sets will be accepted. Problem Sets are due at the start of lecture. If you cannot turn in a problem set on time due to serious illness or a documented family emergency the other assignments will be weighted up to compensate.

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1If the final course enrollment is 12 or fewer students, the class will have more of a seminar format. Theoretical papers will still be taught in lecture, but pairs of students will sign up to introduce and lead discussion for 1 week’s empirical papers. This will be worth 10% of the final course grade and the Final Exam will be reduced to 40%.
Readings (Preliminary)

Redistribution and the Size of Government


Local Public Goods


In-Kind vs. Cash vs. Mandated Transfers


Social Insurance


Unemployment Insurance


Disability Insurance

Health


Demand for Medical Care


Health Care: Supply Responses


D. Kim (2011), "Medicare Payment Reform and Hospital Costs: Evidence from the Prospective Payment System and the Treatment of Cardiac Disease"


E. Johnson and M. Rehavi, "Physicians Treating Physicians: Information and Incentives in Childbirth"
J. Clemens and J. Gottlieb, "Do Physicians’ Financial Incentives Affect Treatment Patterns and Patient Health?"