

# TAXES

## & Society



► What was responsible for this nation's most notorious "party" and resulting revolution? It's the same thing that brought down Al Capone. It has been called "a fine mess."

### Honors 2033.2 — Taxes & Society

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Tuesday and Thursday | Noon – 1:20 p.m.

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Taxes affect almost everyone, but few know about the fundamental concepts that influence political, business, and individual decisions. This course will cover taxation and its role in society.

#### Key focus areas:

- ▶ "Taxes are what we pay for civilized society." — Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.
- ▶ Why does T. R. Reid call our current tax system "a fine mess"?
- ▶ Can public policy changes clean up the mess?
- ▶ How can politicians and voters use data analytics to make smarter policy decisions?
- ▶ Who should benefit from tax breaks and other tax-saving policies? Why?

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*This class is approved for three hours of general education credit in the English composition or social science areas. As such, the course will address the criteria of both areas.*