

Topics in the Economics of Health and Wellbeing

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This course reviews recent developments in the economic literatures on population health and wellbeing. Topics that are covered include the impact of pollution on health, disparities in longevity, and the analysis of happiness data.

Lecture 1: Pollution

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Lecture 2: Longevity

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- "Why Americans Die So Much" <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/09/america-life-expectancy-spans-death-europe/620028/>

Lecture 3: Happiness

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