JD/Tax LLM Program

The Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation program at Washington University offers a rigorous course of study in tax law. Combining top tax professors with extraordinary tax practitioners, the LLM program offers students an intellectually stimulating yet also practical and hands-on education in tax law. This teaching approach, along with the small class sizes in the advanced practical-skills tax courses, allows for both a thorough and personal educational experience.

Students earn both a Juris Doctoris (JD) and an LLM in Tax in either the six-semester program or the seven-semester option. The innovative and unique six-semester program allows students to earn both degrees without sacrificing summer employment opportunities, thereby giving students a competitive advantage in the employment market at graduation. Under the seven-semester option, up to 9 hours of tax credits (not including Federal Income Tax) are earned during the JD program, which can be applied toward the LLM degree. An advantage of the seven-semester option is that it does not require the student to earn any additional credits for the JD degree.

Students can still consider the traditional one-year program. Visit our LLM in Taxation Program webpage (https://law.wustl.edu/academics/llm-mls-jsd-programs-overview/programs-for-us-trained-lawyers-us-trained-llm-in-taxation) for more information about that program.

Admission Process

Candidates must do the following:

1. Complete the online application (https://apps.law.wustl.edu/apply/llm/auth/register.asp). No application fee is required.
2. Complete the Permission to Release Academic Record/Instruction form that grants permission for the Tax LLM Committee to access the student’s JD records and transcript.
3. Submit one letter of recommendation.

Application deadlines:

- Six-semester JD/LLM: May 15 of 2L year
- Seven-semester JD/LLM: May 15 of 3L year

Additional Information


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