Master of Legal Studies in Taxation (Online)

Designed for professionals who do not hold a Juris Doctor (JD), the online Master of Legal Studies (MLS) in Taxation program allows students to pursue excellence with Washington University School of Law, the oldest operating law school west of the Mississippi River.

Students in the online MLS in Taxation program will gain a specialized understanding of the complexities of tax law, which can help position them for career advancement at their current company or across a wide range of industries.

The program can be completed in as little as one year.

Degree Requirements

Master of Legal Studies and Taxation (Online)

Program Requirements

- One year to complete
- 24 total credits
- Four required courses
- 12 credits of electives

Courses

Students in the online MLS in Taxation program must complete four required courses and then choose from a variety of electives to meet their individual career goals. Optional learning experiences allow students to tailor this degree to their specific interests or skill set. Visit the School of Law's course catalog for online programs (https://onlinelaw.wustl.edu/academics/course-catalog/) for current course descriptions.

Required Courses

- Federal Income Taxation
- Introduction to U.S. Law & Methods
- Two of the following: Legal Writing, Contracts, Business Associations, Corporate Compliance, Employment Law

Electives

- State and Local Taxation
- Federal Tax Procedure
- Federal Estate and Gift Taxation
- Accounting for Tax Attorneys
- Taxation of Employee Benefit Programs
- International Taxation

- Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Tax Research Writing
- Externship
- Supervised Research