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 equips professionals with a fundamental understanding of tax law, including the procedural and technical aspects. Students will gain critical thinking and analytical skills as well as the tools needed to anticipate and address changing tax legislation.

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
- Cumulative grade-point average of 2.79, based on all courses, whether or not credit is earned

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