Master in the Study of Tax Law.

Legal skills to succeed in today’s tax practice.

Given the ever-changing nature of tax law, it is more important than ever for professionals to be able to understand tax issues. BU Law’s Master in the Study of Tax Law is designed to meet this need. It provides non-lawyers with foundational training in the legal aspects of taxation. By equipping them with legal knowledge and skills, the program prepares tax professionals to deliver higher-level services to their clients—and enhances their standing in the market for tax advisory work.

**COURSES**

- Partnership Tax
- Taxation of Intellectual Property
- Introduction to Corporate Tax
- Tax Accounting for Financial Statements
- Tax Aspects of Buying and Selling a Business
- Corporate Reorganizations
- Tax and Technology
- Inbound International Taxation
- US Transfer Pricing
- Tax Aspects of International Business

**Career Advancement.**

Whether you are just beginning your career in tax, or have been working in the industry for years, our 24-credit program will give you a leg up in your tax career.

Building on the foundation of BU Law’s renowned Graduate Tax Program, the program offers students one of the most comprehensive curricula for tax studies in the country, with a combination of foundational tax law courses and more than 40 elective courses in such subject areas as tax and accounting, corporate tax and international tax. Students develop critical legal research, writing and analytical skills necessary to perform successfully as tax advisors or consultants. All classes are available residentially and online. No matter how students choose to earn the degree, they gain the practical legal skills and knowledge required for advancement in the field of taxation.

Students also benefit from the robust professional development resources available to Graduate Tax Program students, which include on-campus recruitment and interviews, dedicated career counseling staff, and the program’s very close relationships with the “Big Four” and other professional services firms.

**Flexible Learning: In-Person or Recorded Online Courses.**

Online courses are offered asynchronously, so lectures are recorded and students can watch them on their own schedule.
**Is it for you?**

This program is designed for:
• Aspiring and current accountants, wealth managers, and other nonlegal professionals with a demonstrated interest in advanced topics in taxation
• Recent college graduates with an academic background in accounting

Applicants to this program often want to:
• Progress in their careers through the study of tax law
• Distinguish themselves as higher-level advisors who can navigate the legal complexities of tax issues for clients
• Meet the 150-credit CPA requirement in a career-enhancing master’s program

**Admissions.**

**ELIGIBILITY**
This program is for candidates with either experience in taxation, or an undergraduate background in accounting. Admission to the program is selective, and largely dependent upon an applicant’s academic record and demonstrated interest in the program. Candidates with a first degree in law should apply to the Graduate Tax Program’s LLM program.

**DETAILS**
Students may enroll on a part- or full-time basis in either the residential or online option. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

**INTERVIEW**
All candidates have the opportunity to interview with the Program Director in order to ensure that the program aligns with their professional goals and interests.

**Scholarships.**
All students who apply for residential study are eligible for scholarship consideration. There is no separate application process for scholarship awards; all admitted candidates receive full consideration, with no additional paperwork required.

**CHRISTINA RICE (JD’07, LLM’13)**

“As technology increasingly automates the basic functions of entry-level accountants, we are seeing tax employers push junior associates to take on more consulting functions earlier in their careers. Tax professionals need more training in legal research and writing to succeed in today’s tax practice.”

Director, Graduate Tax Program

Christina brings a unique perspective to her role as director of the Graduate Tax Program, having been a student of both the JD ('07) and LLM in Taxation ('13) programs at BU Law and an instructor in the Graduate Tax Program prior to assuming the role of director.

Christina joined the tax practice at EY’s Boston office in 2011, where she served a wide variety of clients, including large multinational retailers and small local biotechnology start-ups. While at EY, she focused primarily on corporate tax compliance and reporting, accounting methods, and research credit advisory services. She was also actively involved as an instructor for EY internal trainings, where she taught both accountants and attorneys.

**#5 LLM Tax Law Program (2018)**
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