

The Online Master of Legal Studies in Taxation Program From Washington University School of Law

A Top-20 Law School in 2023¹



About the Washington University School of Law

Founded in 1867, Washington University School of Law is the oldest operating law school west of the Mississippi River. As one of the top-20 law schools in the United States — ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* in 2022 — the School of Law has been American Bar Association-approved since 1923 and has long been led by a team of internationally recognized faculty who are experts in their fields.

Why Choose an MLS in Taxation?

Our online Master of Legal Studies (MLS) in Taxation is designed for tax professionals who do not hold a Juris Doctor. The curriculum prepares students to assist individuals and organizations in all major areas of tax. Our faculty members are expert tax law practitioners who will equip you with the tools you need to anticipate and address changing tax law, including:

- a specialized understanding of tax law
- expertise in areas like ERISA and corporate taxation regulations
- procedures for addressing tax disputes at the federal, state and local levels
- applying basic concepts of tax accounting in the legal setting

What Can You Do With an MLS in Taxation?

Our MLS in Taxation program will prepare you to address complex tax challenges on the federal, state and local levels. You will graduate from the program with specialized tax law training that can help you to advance into roles such as:

- tax consultant
- enrolled agent
- financial product adviser
- mergers and acquisitions consultant
- tax specialist government contractor

If you are interested in a more general MLS degree, we also offer an online MLS for non-lawyer professionals looking to develop a strong legal foundation.

If you have earned a Juris Doctor, we offer Master of Laws in Taxation and Master of Laws in U.S. Law.

24 Credits | 1 Year to Complete

¹2023 Best Law Schools. US News & World Report. Ranked in 2022.

Explore the Online Learning Experience

Designed to match the rigor of our on-campus programs, this program is led by the same faculty who teach on campus — allowing you to earn your degree from a top-20 law school without relocating or putting your commitments on hold. Our live, face-to-face video technology fosters an intimacy that encourages close collaboration between you and your peers and faculty, just like in a physical classroom.

The learning experience includes:



Live, online classes: Held on our videoconferencing platform, classes enable you to interact directly with your professors, ask questions and collaborate with peers in real time. Class sizes are limited to maintain a small student-to-faculty ratio.



Optional in-person learning: You can enhance your online learning experience by attending an optional weekend-long immersion on the Washington University campus in St. Louis, Missouri. During the immersion, you will complete a 1-credit elective course, tour legal landmarks and network with your classmates and faculty.



Course work that complements your class sessions: Course work assigned outside of class prepares you for your weekly live class sessions, where you are challenged to apply what you have learned. Materials are available at any time, from any device.



Interactive learning: Faculty conduct class using the Socratic method. This teaching method helps you reach your own conclusions about the course material through discussion and debate — and encourages you to actively engage in class.



LexisNexis and Westlaw access: Throughout the program, you are given access to law databases that allow you to supplement your studies by analyzing real legal cases and research.

The School of Law also offers an optional externship. We partner with you to match you with a law firm near your community, where you will apply the skills gained in the classroom to real-world cases in the tax field.

Ongoing Support

Throughout your time in the program, you will receive dedicated support from our Student Services staff, who are specially trained to assist you with interactive technologies, class enrollment and any questions you may have. You will have access to our Career Services team — before and after graduation — who offer a professional development course, one-on-one advising and information sessions to help you move your career forward.