

Tax Law Courses

Tax lawyers represent clients in tax planning, tax compliance, and tax controversy matters. SMU has a rich curriculum of tax courses, due in part to the fact that SMU offers the LL.M. (Taxation) degree, and J.D. students generally may enroll in any of the tax offerings. If you are interested in taxation, you should take the Income Taxation course early in your law school curriculum, as the Income Taxation course is a prerequisite to many other tax courses.

Foundation Courses – Introducing the Basic Concepts

Income Taxation
Corporate Taxation
Estate, Gift & Income Tax

Advanced Taxation Courses

Tax Accounting
Taxation of Property Dispositions
Tax Practice & Professional Responsibility
State and Local Taxation
Federal Tax Procedure
Criminal Tax Fraud
Oil & Gas Taxation

Advanced Business Entity Taxation Courses

Advanced Corporate Taxation
Partnership Taxation
Corporate Planning
Taxation of Professional and Closely Held Corporations
Private Equity & Hedge Fund Law

Advanced International Tax Courses

International Tax I
International Tax II

Employee Benefits Courses

Employee Benefits Law & ERISA Litigation
Taxation of Deferred Compensation

Advanced Transfer Taxation Courses

Trusts & Estates (the foundation)
Estate Planning & Practice

Policy Courses

Taxation and Fiscal Policy
Economic Analysis of Law

Clinics

Federal Taxpayers Clinic
Small Business Clinic

Related Courses

In considering issues of taxation, it is also important to understand the legal nature of the entities involved. Students interested in taxation should therefore also consider courses related to some of those entities or types of property.

Business Entities

Business Enterprise
Corporate Finance & Acquisitions

Commercial Law

Sales
Payment Systems
Secured Transactions

Securities Law

Securities Regulation
Securities Litigation & Enforcement

Real Estate Planning

Real Estate Transactions
Commercial Real Estate Transactions Seminar

Intellectual Property

Copyright
Patent Law
Trademark & Business Torts
Franchising & Distribution Law
Intellectual Property Licensing

Bankruptcy

Creditors' Rights
Advanced Bankruptcy

Externships

Department of Justice, Tax Division
Internal Revenue Service Regional Chief Counsel

Public Service Placements

VITA

Faculty

Here are some of the full-time faculty and professional staff members who teach or have an interest in this area:

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