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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