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Discover

Taxation is a complex and technical area of the law, yet it is an area that touches virtually every adult in the United States and intersects with virtually every legal practice area. Tax lawyers engage in a variety of different types of practice ranging from counseling individuals on their own income and transfer tax issues to working with entities to manage the complicated array of tax matters that arise in their creation, ongoing administration, mergers and acquisitions, and dissolution. Tax lawyers also represent taxpayers in disputes with the IRS. Tax lawyers are hired in law firms of all sizes and also are sought after by many public accounting firms. In addition, tax lawyers also can pursue careers in public service, and are often found working for the IRS Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Justice Tax Division, the Treasury Department, the joint committees of taxation in Congress, and in the United States Tax Court, either as judges or law clerks.

Many tax lawyers continue their law studies by pursuing an LLM in Taxation or a Masters of Taxation. The following links are to articles that describe the value of pursuing an advanced degree in Tax:

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1577966

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1597337

Learn

Foundational Courses <i>These courses provide a good introduction to the taxation field.</i>	Advanced Courses <i>These elective courses will provide a deeper dive into specific topics.</i>	Writing Courses <i>The following courses will hone writing skills and may qualify as a legal writing course for the College of Law's writing requirement.</i>
Basic Federal Tax	Partnership & LLC Tax Corporate Tax Estate & Gift Tax Advanced Income Tax Partnership Tax Lab Bankruptcy & Tax Seminar Employee Benefits	Federal Tax Policy Seminar

Clinics <i>Students who participate in a clinic are exposed to a practice area through the representation of actual clients under faculty supervision.</i>	Externships <i>Externships place students in a wide variety of placements where they work directly under the supervision of a practicing attorney.</i>	Additional E-Courses <i>Georgia State College of Law has numerous other experiential opportunities that are relevant to the taxation field.</i>
Tax Clinic I & II	IRS – Individual Tax IRS - Large & Mid-sized Business	Partnership Tax Lab

All course descriptions are available online through the [COL Bulletin](#).

Some law students pursue a Masters of Taxation at the GSU Robinson College of Business in conjunction with their law school studies. Students may want to consult with their advisors or with the Taxation faculty about tax courses at the Robinson College of Business that they may take as electives.

Network

Students should seek out connections with practitioners and other students, both within Georgia State and throughout the legal community. Adjunct professors can be an excellent resource both for guidance and employment opportunities. Professional Bar associations also welcome student participation and may offer reduced membership rates for students. Some bar sections and committees look for students to provide research or other assistance.



Professional Organizations

[Atlanta Bar Tax Section](#)

[ABA Section on Taxation](#)

[ABA Law Student Division](#)

Student Organizations

Estate Planning and Wealth Management Society

Student Competitions in Taxation Law

[ABA Annual Law Student Tax Challenge](#)

[ABA Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Student Writing Competition](#)

[ACTEC Mary Moers Wenig Student Writing Competition](#)

[American College of Tax Counsel Tannenwald Writing Competition](#)

[Florida Bar National Tax Moot Court Competition](#)