The Oxford MSc in Taxation is a two-year part-time postgraduate degree offered by the Oxford University Faculty of Law, and is taught in association with the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation based at Said Business School. Both the Law Faculty and the Centre for Business Taxation are leaders in their field. The Oxford Law Faculty has a long, distinguished history and is one of the pre-eminent law faculties in Europe. The Centre for Business Taxation is a unique interdisciplinary tax research institute which produces cutting edge research in economics and law and is heavily engaged in tax policy debates and tax policy-making both in the UK and internationally. It serves as a meeting point for the world’s foremost legal, economic and accounting researchers.

Programme

- The MSc in Taxation is open to both lawyers and non-lawyers, and can be tailored to meet different interests
- Students take nine courses over two years - three compulsory core courses and six elective courses. The norm is for students to take five courses in Year 1. With permission they may take four courses in Year 1 and five in Year 2 or six courses in Year 1 and three courses in Year 2
- A 12,000 word dissertation in lieu of two elective courses is also available
- Teaching is mainly in lectures and interactive classes, and is structured to enable students to fit their studies around work and other commitments
- A virtual learning environment provides students with access to course materials and research resources, and enables them to remain in contact with teachers and other students during periods away from Oxford
- Attendance at all core courses and chosen electives is mandatory

Core courses are taught in three one-week residential periods held in Oxford in one of the colleges. Electives are taught in Oxford as intensives, over two weekends or in other short blocks of time. A list of electives can be found on the website: https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/admissions/options/?year=All&programme=9286.

The Chartered Institute of Taxation (CIOT) has recognised the University of Oxford MSc in Taxation as a qualification which gives an entitlement to Confirmation of Eligibility to register as a student for the CTA exams. For further details of the CTA exams please see www.tax.org.uk.

Welcome to the Oxford MSc in Taxation
At a glance

25
Places available on the programme

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Number of core courses

6
Number of electives to be chosen

Start date: SEPTEMBER

Application deadlines: MID JANUARY and MID MARCH*

24 months
DURATION
Part time over 24 months

TIMELINE

September Year 1: First residential core course

January of Year 1: Second residential core course

September Year 2: Third residential core course

Summer Year 2: Finish

Electives

Programme Directors

Michael Devereux
Michael Devereux is Director of the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation and Professor of Business Taxation and Professorial Fellow at Oriel College, Oxford. He is Research Director of the European Tax Policy Forum, and Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research and CESifo. He is Honorary President of the International Institute for Public Finance, a member of the Business Forum on Tax and Competitiveness, chaired by the Exchequer Secretary, and in 2014 was a member of the European Commission High Level Expert Group on Taxation of the Digital Economy. Previously Michael was chair of the Economics departments in both Keele and Warwick Universities.

Glen Loutzenhiser
Glen Loutzenhiser BComm (Sask), LLB (Toronto), LLM (Cantab), MA (Oxon), DPhil (Oxon) is Associate Professor of Tax Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford and Tutorial Fellow in Law at St Hugh’s College, Oxford. Glen previously worked as a solicitor and an accountant in Canada. He is an assistant editor of the British Tax Review, and has been a visiting lecturer at the University of Auckland and a visiting research fellow at the University of Sydney. Glen is the sole author of the leading UK textbook on tax law—Tiley’s Revenue Law.

Judith Freedman
Judith Freedman is Pinsent Masons Professor of Taxation Law, Oxford University Law Faculty, a Fellow of Worcester College and Director of Legal Research at the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation. Judith worked at Freshfields and then the LSE before moving to Oxford. She is a member of the Tax Law Review Committee of the IFS, contributed to the Mirrlees Review of Taxation, and has been on several government committees including the Aarson GAAR Study Panel. Judith is joint editor of the British Tax Review and on the editorial boards of several other journals. She was awarded a CBE for tax research and an honorary fellowship of the CIOT and was elected as a British Academy Fellow in 2016.

John Vella
John Vella is Associate Professor of Tax Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford and a Fellow of Harris Manchester College, Oxford. John studied law at the University of Malta (BA and LLD) and the University of Cambridge (LLM and PhD). His recent research has focused on the taxation of multinationals, financial sector taxation, and tax compliance and administration. He has given evidence on these issues both before UK Parliamentary Committees and Committees of the European Parliament.

Additional Teachers

Philip Baker
Philip Baker OBE, is a QC at Field Court Tax Chambers and a Visiting Professor at Oxford University. Philip specialises in international tax issues and has appeared in cases in tribunals, the House of Lords, Privy Council, and the European Court of Justice. Before moving into practice, Philip taught law at the SOAS, and was a Visiting Professorial Fellow at QMUL. He is the author of leading international tax books, editor of the International Tax Law Reports and joint editor of the British Tax Review, and a member of OECD and IFA Committees. He has lectured in taxation in many countries and has held visiting appointments at several Universities.

Anzhela Cédelle
Anzhela is a Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford University Centre for Business, and an associate member of the Oxford Law Faculty. She researches and teaches on taxation and EU law. Anzhela is Managing Editor of Vaughan and Robertson (eds.), The Law of the EU (Oxford University Press). Anzhela has a master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Oxford and won the 2014 ELFA First Award for the best thesis on European Law from the European Law Faculties Association and an Honourable Mention in the 2013 Mitchell B. Carroll Prize IFA thesis competition. Anzhela is currently working on a monograph on EU tax law and policy to be published by OUP.

* It is possible that applications will be considered after the two deadlines if places remain, but experience suggests that most, if not all places will be allocated following the March deadline; therefore early application is advised.
Additional Teachers

Teachers participating in the teaching in 2016-2018 include the following members of the Oxford Faculty and leading academics and practitioners:

- Professor Jennifer Blouin, University of Pennsylvania
- Emma Chamberlain, Barrister, Pump Court Tax Chambers and Visiting Professor, Oxford Law Faculty
- Dr Richard Collier, Associate Fellow at Said Business School
- Professor David Duff, University of British Columbia
- Professor Joachim Englisch, University of Munster
- Professor Chris Evans, University of New South Wales
- Professor Rita de la Feria, Leeds University
- Malcom Gammie QC, One Essex Court
- Dr Irem Guceri, Research Fellow at the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation
- Professor Peter Harris, University of Cambridge
- Dr Martin Heasron, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Professor Andy Lymer, Birmingham Business School
- Jonathan Peacock QC, 11 New Square
- Philip Ridgway, Barrister, Temple Tax Chambers
- Michael Ridsdale, Tax Partner, Wedlake Bell LLP
- Tom Scott, Deputy Judge of the Upper Tax Tribunal and Visiting Lecturer, Oxford Law Faculty
- Stephen Shay, Senior Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School
- Edwin Simpson, Barclays Bank Lecturer in Taxation, Law Faculty
- Jeff VanderWol, OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration
- Professor Richard Vann, University of Sydney
- Dr Adam Zalasinski, European Commission

Leading academics and practitioners are involved in the governance of the MSc in Taxation including:

- Dr John Avery Jones, CBE
  Arbitrator and mediator, Pump Court Tax Chambers
- Richard Collier
  Associate Fellow at Said Business School
- Bill Dodwell
  Head of Tax Policy, Deloitte
- Liesl Fichardt
  Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP
- Janine Juggins
  Executive Vice President of Global Tax, Unilever

Application requirements:

To be considered for admission, candidates will normally need at least a high upper second class degree (or equivalent qualification from a non-UK university).

This degree should either be in:

- Law, Economics or Accounting; or
- If in another subject, candidates should have a suitable professional qualification and/or experience, or other evidence of an interest in taxation

Applicants who cannot satisfy the 2:1 degree requirement may be considered in exceptional circumstances where there is alternative evidence of real academic strength and aptitude for the degree, such as professional qualifications from the Law Society, ICAEW, CIOT or overseas equivalent professional body, plus at least two years professional tax experience working in tax and other evidence of academic capacity (e.g. having written articles or a book).

For further information about the degree including full application requirements and procedure, courses on offer, course timetable, important dates and fees:

Visit:  www.law.ox.ac.uk/msctax
Email: msctax@law.ox.ac.uk

For further information on the admissions process and to apply:

Visit: http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/msc-taxation

My desire to pursue this intellectually stimulating course at Oxford derives from the ideas of tax constantly evolving, adapting in accordance to a country’s needs. The appealing curriculum offered by Oxford provides a rigorous foundation in all core areas of taxation whilst allowing flexibility for further specialisation.
Oxford Law Faculty

The Faculty of Law in the University of Oxford is home to a unique combination of common law learning and comparative and international jurisprudence. Oxford holds a leading position in connecting teaching and scholarship, common law and civil law, theory and practice. With the largest faculty of law in the United Kingdom, Oxford is at the forefront of innovation, and is a meeting place for ideas and for gifted teachers and students from around the world. In the 21st century we are making new contributions to understanding, and to the education of lawyers at the highest level. We are doing so on the foundation of a great heritage—law has been taught at Oxford since the 1100s.

We admit and teach a diverse and outstanding body of students from all parts of the British Isles and from all over the world. Our graduate degrees are world-leading and our graduates are much in demand for their rigour, thoughtfulness, adaptability, and clarity of thought and expression.

Tax Law has been taught at Oxford University since the 1960s and more recently the focus on tax in the Law Faculty has been boosted by the creation of a specialist tax Chair and University Lectureship with generous financial support initially from KPMG and now from law firm Pinsent Masons. There are now thriving tax courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

For more information on the Law Faculty visit: http://www.law.ox.ac.uk

Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation

The Centre for Business Taxation is an independent research centre founded in 2005 and based at Säid Business School which aims to promote effective policies for the taxation of business.

The Centre undertakes and publishes multidisciplinary research into the aims, practice and consequences of taxes which affect business. Although it engages in debate on specific policy issues, the main focus of the Centre's research is on long-term, fundamental issues in business taxation. Its findings are based on rigorous analysis, detailed empirical evidence and in-depth institutional knowledge.

The Centre is staffed by lawyers and economists and is genuinely interdisciplinary. It serves as a meeting point for the world's leading tax academics, many of whom are International Research Fellows of the Centre and regularly visit Oxford for the flagship annual Summer Symposium, the many academic conferences organised throughout the year, and for extended research visits.

For more information on the Centre visit: http://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/ideas-impact/tax

The tax lawyers in the Law Faculty join with the lawyers and economists in the Centre for Business Taxation to make one of the foremost centres in Europe for tax research and teaching. They also participate in academic and policy debates, by presenting their research at numerous academic and official conferences, by giving evidence to parliamentary bodies, through formal and informal meetings with national revenue and treasury bodies and transnational institutions, and through the press.