

# Why You Need an M.S. in Taxation

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Taxation, in its most basic form, is law — regulations that are continually evolving, ever-changing, and always being reinterpreted. As a candidate in a master's degree program in taxation, you are trained the same way students in law school are taught, and the research and analytical skills of those who practice law are instilled in you.

You'll also enrich your business acumen, enabling you to be looked to as a senior leader at your firm or business. An M.S. in Taxation will prepare you to assist your company or your clients with mergers and acquisitions, spearhead global expansion, and impact a company's bottom line.

## Who Should Pursue an M.S. in Taxation?

The research and analytical skills you will learn as a graduate student in taxation will significantly assist your career as an accountant, attorney, business executive, or government official.

The program also attracts individuals who need to complete the academic credit hours required to qualify for the CPA certification, as well as individuals who are seeking a career change to the field of taxation.

## What Does an M.S. in Taxation Entail?

M.S. in Taxation programs are offered in on-ground, online, and in hybrid formats. Students spend much time analyzing the Internal Revenue Code, regulations, rulings, and court cases. Courses typically feature a combination of class discussion (discussion board participation for online courses), critical examinations of case studies, and doing sample tax returns.

## Why is the University of New Haven M.S. in Taxation Your Program of Choice?

**Flexibility.** At the University of New Haven, you have the flexibility to pursue your M.S. in Taxation in any manner that is convenient for your family, lifestyle, and career demands. Courses are offered in hybrid and online formats, and you can complete the entire program online in one year.

All students have the option to participate in on-ground courses at the University of New Haven's state-of-the-art Graduate Business Center in Orange, Connecticut, a facility that previously served as a worldwide corporate headquarters.

**Track Record of Success.** University of New Haven alumni are working in the Big Four international accounting firms, large corporation tax departments, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services. The graduates of our program are very successful and are employed in high-level executive positions or as partners in local, regional, and international CPA firms.

**Respected Program.** The M.S. in Taxation program is offered through the University of New Haven's College of Business, which is accredited by AACSB, a distinction earned by less than five percent of business programs worldwide that is universally regarded as the longest-standing, most-recognized form of specialized/professional accreditation an institution and its business programs can earn. The University of New Haven is also fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

**Leading Faculty.** All University of New Haven faculty members have substantial real-world work experience that they bring into the classroom. They are attorneys and CPAs who have experience with the IRS and are experts in the tax code.

**Resources.** All students, whether you pursue your degree online or on-ground, have the same access to professors, advisers, and career resources, enabling you to discuss advancement opportunities with career counselors or to pursue networking/employment opportunities with classmates. Students will also have local and remote access to a full range of online research services including, CCH, RIA, BNA Bloomberg, and Lexis Nexis.

**Alumni Engagement.** Our alumni greatly value the quality of the program and seek our graduates for positions in their firms.

Because of these reasons, and many more, the University of New Haven's M.S. in Taxation has long been a program of choice for accountants, attorneys, and business executives seeking an advanced education in the ever-evolving field of tax law.

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