UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
School of Law

LLM in TAXATION

A MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM AT USF’S DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
The USF LLM in Taxation program provides the inspiration and foundation you need to succeed in the complex and ever-changing field of taxation. Whether you pursue private practice, an in-house counsel position, or another career path in tax, USF will prepare you with the knowledge, skills, and professional networking opportunities to help get you there.

The curriculum for this new program is both broad and deep. Expert full-time and adjunct faculty members empower students with a comprehensive understanding of tax laws and the underlying policies so they are equipped with skills necessary to thrive in a tax career. Courses range from corporate taxation and real estate taxation, to estate planning and international taxation, and more.

The program is conveniently located at USF’s downtown campus, in the heart of San Francisco’s financial district. Most classes are held on weeknight evenings, so that working professionals may easily participate in the program. Additionally, with our one-of-a-kind partnership with prominent accounting firm WTAS, students enrolled in USF’s LLM in Taxation program are encouraged to take courses at the firm’s San Francisco headquarters alongside firm managers and associates, to develop and hone their skills and maximize career and networking opportunities.

WHY JOIN US?
• Full- and part-time options
• Expert full-time and adjunct faculty
• Convenient downtown location
• Financial aid and merit scholarships available
• Up to 12 JD transfer credits accepted upon approval
• Small class size
• Networking with established tax professionals, including WTAS managers and associates
“Our new LLM in Taxation program offers students the opportunity to gain the knowledge and hands-on experiences they need for successful careers in tax law. The connections they can make with our faculty and experts in the tax community are invaluable.”

E.L. WIEGAND DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR IN TAX DANIEL LATHROPE
Daniel Lathrope
E.L. Wiegand Distinguished Professor in Tax; LLM in Taxation Academic Director

Professor Lathrope is a renowned scholar in taxation. He is the co-author of several casebooks on individual, corporate, and partnership taxation, including *Fundamentals of Federal Income Taxation*, *Fundamentals of Corporate Taxation*, and *Fundamentals of Partnership Taxation*. He is the author of *The Alternative Minimum Tax—Compliance and Planning with Analysis*, a treatise on the alternative minimum tax, and a book on comparative income taxation titled *Global Issues in Income Taxation*. He previously taught in the graduate tax programs at New York University and the University of Florida, in addition to other universities. He holds a JD from Northwestern University, and an LLM in Taxation from New York University.

Joshua D. Rosenberg
Professor

Professor Rosenberg is a full-time faculty member and co-author of leading treatises on federal income tax and corporate tax, as well as co-author of leading casebooks on corporate tax, partnership tax, and taxation of business enterprises. His many scholarly tax articles have been published in journals including *Michigan Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, and *Virginia Law Review*. In addition, he has consulted with U.S. senators, the Senate Finance Committee, and the California Franchise Tax Board to devise, enact, and implement tax legislation and regulations. His courses include Corporate Taxation and Federal Taxation. He holds a JD and LLM in Taxation from New York University, and an EdD from USF.
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Rigorous and Relevant Curriculum

Recognizing the importance of giving students a solid foundation in theory and skills, instruction at USF emphasizes participation, dialogue, and practical experience. Both full- and part-time options are available. Up to 12 JD tax course credits from an ABA-accredited law school are transferable, allowing the program to be completed in as little as one semester.

Courses at a Glance

**TAX FRAUD, CRIMES, AND INVESTIGATIONS**

A practical and solution-oriented course designed to cover from beginning to end the investigation, prosecution, and defense of federal tax cases.

**FOREIGN TAXATION I & II**

An analysis of the jurisdiction of the U.S. to international transactions, taxation of non-resident aliens, foreign corporation provisions, the foreign tax credit, and the structuring of overseas ventures.

**ESTATE PLANNING**

An examination of various aspects of estate planning strategies, focusing on related tax issues, the new law, and the paradigm shift between transfer taxes and income taxes, with California taxation in mind.

**CORE COURSES INCLUDE:**
- Federal Tax Accounting and Tax Timing Issues
- Federal Tax Procedure/Professional Responsibility
- Federal Taxation of Property Dispositions
- Corporate Taxation
- Partnership Taxation
- Tax Research

**ELECTIVE COURSES INCLUDE:**
- Advanced Corporate Taxation
- California Tax Appeals Assistance Program
- California State and Local Taxation
- ERISA
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning
- Foreign Taxation I & II
- Income Tax of Trusts and Estates
- Nonprofit Taxation
- Real Estate Taxation
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Fraud, Crimes, and Investigations
- Tax Moot Court
- Tax Policy
The Admissions Committee employs a rolling admission system for consideration to the LLM in Taxation program. The Admissions Committee reviews completed files and makes admission decisions on a continual basis. To ensure priority consideration, applications should be submitted by the priority deadlines.

Most applicants receive an admission decision within three weeks from the time their application file was completed.

Applicants will be evaluated on academic and personal criteria. Academic information to be submitted with the application includes law school transcripts and other university records. Personal information includes extracurricular activities, employment experience, and other biographical information. Recommendations from professors or employers and a personal statement from the applicant are also required.

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PRIORITY DEADLINES:
FALL SEMESTER
April 1
SPRING SEMESTER
October 1
SUMMER SEMESTER
March 1

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USF by the Numbers

2nd  Ranked second best quality of life and eighth most diverse faculty by The Princeton Review

325  Alumni Participating in the USF School of Law LinkedIn Mentor Program since it was established in 2012 (as of May 2014)

5th  Tied as the fifth most diverse law student body in the nation by U.S. News and World Report

80%  Alumni living in California

300  Approximate number of alumni judges

1912  Year USF School of Law was established

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