Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Who are your online programs best suited for?**

   Our online programs are designed for working tax professionals who are unable to relocate to Washington, DC to take courses in person. Our online programs allow students the opportunity to receive a first-class education and earn a degree or certificate from Georgetown University Law Center, as well as the flexibility to view classes on their own time while maintaining personal and professional obligations.

2. **What distinguishes Georgetown’s Executive LL.M. degree and certificate programs from other similar online tax programs (i.e., why should I choose Georgetown over another institution)?**

   Online students at Georgetown enroll in the same courses as on-campus students, complete the course at the same pace and take the same final exam. Class videos are usually made available approximately 24 hours after they are captured, not several months or even years, as is the case with other programs.

   Our Executive LL.M. program also allows our students to specialize by earning a certificate in [International Taxation](#) or [State and Local Tax](#) in conjunction with the LL.M. degree. This allows our students the opportunity to focus their studies to match their interests, as well as demonstrate their commitment to a specific area of tax law. Students may also complete either certificate on a stand-alone basis without earning the Executive LL.M. degree.

3. **What are the admission requirements for Georgetown’s Executive LL.M. degree and certificate programs?**

   Admission to Georgetown's Executive LL.M degree and online certificate programs is highly selective. Prospective students must meet the same admissions standards as our on-campus students. Applicants must hold a first degree in law (J.D. or LL.B.) from a law school that is approved by the Section of Legal Education of the American Bar Association or a bachelor of law degree from a non-U.S. law school approved by its foreign equivalent. For more information on the Admissions process, please visit the webpage for our Graduate Admissions office.

4. **Is it necessary to have practice experience before entering one of Georgetown's online programs? Are there any prerequisites?**

   Most of our students are currently employed as tax attorneys at major law firms, accounting firms, and government agencies in the United States and abroad. However, it is not necessary to have practice experience prior to matriculation. Students must have taken a basic course in federal personal income taxation during their J.D. program, or have
completed our online course, *Foundations of Federal Income Taxation*, as a prerequisite to our Executive LL.M. and tax certificate programs.

5. **How long will it take to complete the Executive Tax LL.M. degree or tax certificate program?**

The Executive Tax LL.M. degree consists of twenty-four credits (with most courses carrying 2 credits each). Full-time students generally take twelve academic credits each semester and complete the program in two semesters. Part-time students typically take between two and six credits per semester and finish the program in two to three years.

Each of our tax certificate programs consist of ten credits each. Students generally take between two and six credits per semester and finish the program in one to two years.

6. **What are the Tuition and Fees?**

Current information regarding tuition and fees for both full-time and part-time students can be found [here](#).

7. **How do I attend classes online?**

All classes are captured by Georgetown Law's audio/visual partner, *Classroom 24/7*. Class videos are posted each course's Canvas site within 24 hours from the time the class meets and is captured. The videos remain online throughout the semester, giving our students maximum flexibility to attend classes at times that are most convenient to them.

8. **How are exams administered for online students?**

Online students complete the same assignments and take the same final examination as in-class students enrolled in a particular course, and will be graded along the same curve as all other students in the course. Online students typically sit for a [take-home exam](#) or complete a written paper for each course without the need to be present at the Law Center or to purchase a remote exam proctoring device.

9. **Do online students have access to campus buildings and library resources?**

Online students are provided with electronic access to all library materials and receive Westlaw, Lexis/Nexis and Bloomberg accounts. Building access can be arranged if student wishes to attend classes in person instead of remotely.
10. Do online students have access to academic counseling and career and professional development services?

Online students may receive academic counseling on the same basis as in-class students via telephone or Skype with the academic advisor for their program. While career advising services are generally not available to online students, students in the Executive LL.M. in Taxation program are eligible to participate in the Taxation Interview Program once during their degree program, either in the semester following (February graduates) or preceding (May or October graduates) their graduation. Eligible Tax LL.M. students will receive an email in December inviting them to participate, and then they must opt-in by a stated deadline. Access to online job-search resources (such as access to Georgetown's alumni network and Symplicity job database) are available to all online students.

MSL students have access to several resources at the Cawley Career Education Center on Georgetown's main campus, including career workshops, employer presentations, career fairs, one 15-minute walk-in consultation to discuss the available resources, and access to job and internship listings via Hoya Career Connection. MSL students can view upcoming programs at [http://careercenter.georgetown.edu/](http://careercenter.georgetown.edu/). The Alumni Career Services Office provides a list of Alumni Executive Recruiters and Career Coaches through this site: [http://alumni.georgetown.edu/careers/recruiters-coaches](http://alumni.georgetown.edu/careers/recruiters-coaches).

11. Are Georgetown's online programs available to residents in all states?

Georgetown University Law Center is required to seek approval in several states and foreign countries in order to offer courses online. While Georgetown has secured approval in most states, there are a few states in which the Law Center is in the process of seeking approval. If an applicant resides in one of these states, he or she will promptly be notified when his or her application is submitted, and any application fee submitted will be fully refunded.

If you have any specific questions not answered here, please contact the office of Online Programs at [online@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:online@law.georgetown.edu).