



# TAXLAW

The Study of Tax Law at Georgetown



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A photograph of Professor Lilian Faulhaber, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a black blazer over a patterned dress. She is standing in a classroom, smiling slightly, with her right hand resting on a wooden podium. Behind her is a blackboard with handwritten notes in white chalk. The notes include "AB \$10,000", "FM \$50,000", and "real property,". There are also some arrows and a circled number "1" on the board. The text "The Study of Tax Law at Georgetown" is overlaid in white on the lower half of the image.

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Professor Lilian Faulhaber (pictured) teaches federal income tax and international tax law, focusing on cross-border transactions and global tax policy

# The Study of Tax Law at Georgetown

The study of tax law at Georgetown combines a distinguished full-time and adjunct faculty with the most comprehensive tax curriculum in the country, along with the unique advantage of studying in Washington, D.C., where federal tax laws are created, interpreted, and enforced.

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The Law Center is situated at the base of Capitol Hill, just two blocks from the U.S. Tax Court and within easy walking distance of the Supreme Court, the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Justice. Georgetown leverages this exceptional proximity to federal institutions to enhance the academic and professional experience of its students.

Students at Georgetown may pursue either a J.D. degree or a specialized LL.M. in Taxation, offered on a full-time or part-time basis, in person or online. J.D. students also have the option to complete both the J.D. and Tax LL.M. degrees in three and a half years.

## **A Rich Academic Life**

Georgetown offers an extensive tax curriculum, providing students with more than 50 graduate-level courses covering the full breadth of tax law. These include foundational subjects such as corporate, partnership, and international taxation, as well as a wide range of advanced and specialized topics.

The Law Center frequently hosts conferences on domestic and international tax issues, along with panel discussions featuring leading tax scholars and government officials. During the fall and spring semesters, students may participate in externships—valuable experiences that also enhance post-graduate employment prospects. These opportunities are available with government agencies and nonprofit organizations, and for Tax LL.M. students, also with private-sector employers such as law and accounting firms.

Students may further expand their academic experience by taking elective courses at the McDonough School of Business or other graduate programs on Georgetown's main campus. In addition, there are numerous opportunities for independent research and scholarly writing through seminars and faculty-supervised Graduate Independent Research, which can lead to publication opportunities.

# World-Class Faculty

Georgetown’s tax program is supported by a large and diverse faculty—more than 100 full-time and adjunct professors in total—which allows the Law Center to offer an exceptionally broad and specialized selection of tax courses. These courses are taught by faculty who draw on extensive experience across government, private practice, academia, and the nonprofit sector, bringing a wide range of practical and scholarly perspectives into the classroom.

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Our full-time faculty includes scholars and teachers who are regularly consulted by the business community, the U.S. government, and international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund, the OECD, and the World Bank. They bring deep expertise not only in the technical aspects of taxation, but also in the broader intersections of tax law with public finance, international trade, fiscal policy, behavioral economics, and civil rights. Many are also widely published authors and frequent speakers in their fields.

Georgetown’s adjunct faculty is composed of leading practitioners from major law and accounting firms, nonprofit organizations, and policy think tanks, as well as senior government officials from the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Justice, and judges of the U.S. Tax Court. At Georgetown, students learn not only from world-renowned scholars and experienced practitioners, but also from individuals actively engaged in shaping, enforcing, and interpreting U.S. tax policy.

## Full-Time Faculty



### **Professor Dorothy Brown**

**B.S., Fordham University; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center; LL.M. (Taxation), New York University School of Law**

Professor Dorothy A. Brown is the Martin D. Ginsburg Chair in Taxation at Georgetown Law. She is widely recognized for her scholarship across a range of areas, including the impact of tax policy on race, class, and gender, as well as workplace equity and inclusion and law school reform. She is the author of *The Whiteness of Wealth: How the Tax System Impoverishes Black Americans—and How We Can Fix It* (2021), and co-author of *Critical Race Theory: Cases, Materials, and Problems* (2014), as well as *Problems and Federal Income Taxation: Cases, Problems, and Materials* (West Academic Publishing, 6th and 7th editions). She is also a frequent commentator in national media, having appeared

on CNN, MSNBC, and Bloomberg, and has published numerous op-eds in outlets such as the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *CNN Opinion*, the *Washington Post*, and *Forbes*. She currently teaches Federal Income Taxation, Partnership Tax, and Critical Race Theory. She has received teaching awards at every law school where she has taught, including Georgetown, where she was the recipient of the Frank F. Flegal Excellence in Teaching Award in 2026.



**Professor Lilian Faulhaber**

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Lilian V. Faulhaber is the Ralph H. Dwan Chair in Taxation at Georgetown Law. She teaches federal income taxation, EU tax law, international taxation, tax policy, and international business law. Her scholarship focuses on tax competition, tax avoidance, international taxation, charitable giving, and European Union law, and she has published widely in leading general and specialty law reviews. Before joining Georgetown, she served as an Advisor to the OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project and was an Associate Professor at Boston University School of Law. Earlier in her career, she clerked for Judge William G. Young and Senior Judge Robert E. Keeton of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and practiced at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. She has received multiple teaching honors, including Boston University’s Michael W. Melton Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence (2013), and Georgetown Law’s Frank F. Flegal Excellence in Teaching Award and Faculty Member of the Year Award (2018). From 2021 to 2025, she held senior administrative roles at Georgetown Law, including Associate Dean for Research and Academic Programs and later Vice Dean, overseeing faculty hiring, academic operations, and strategic academic administration.



**Professor Itai Grinberg**

[B.A., Amherst College](#); [J.D., Yale Law School](#)

Itai Grinberg is the Carmack Waterhouse Professor of International Economic Law at Georgetown University. His work focuses on fundamental tax reform and international tax policy, including the intersections of tax law with trade, investment, financial regulation, and climate policy. From January 2021 to early 2023, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary (Multilateral Negotiations) in the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Tax Policy. In that role, he led U.S. efforts to design and negotiate the global corporate minimum tax endorsed by the G20 at its 2021 Rome Summit and served as the principal U.S. representative on international tax matters across multilateral institutions, working closely with Treasury leadership on negotiations with G7 and G20 counterparts. Prior to government service, he practiced at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York, focusing on international tax controversy and planning, and earlier served as counsel to the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, advising on major proposals to restructure the U.S. tax code.



### **Professor Victoria Perry**

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Victoria Perry joined the Georgetown University Law Center faculty in 2023 as a professor in the Graduate Tax Program. Prior to Georgetown, she spent 28 years at the International Monetary Fund, retiring in 2021 as Deputy Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department. In 2022, she was a Visiting Professor of Taxation at the University of Oxford, affiliated with the Centre for Business Taxation. At the IMF, her work centered on tax policy and she provided technical assistance on tax policy and revenue administration to more than 50 countries worldwide, focusing on the intersection of tax law and public finance. She is a coauthor of *The Modern VAT* and coeditor of *Corporate Income Taxes Under Pressure*, in addition to numerous scholarly articles and papers. Her teaching and research focus on tax systems in developing countries, international corporate taxation, and value-added taxation. Earlier in her career, she served as Deputy Director of the Harvard University International Tax Program, clerked for Judge James Holden of the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont, and practiced tax law at WilmerHale in Boston. She has held leadership roles in major professional organizations, including president of the National Tax Association, president of the American Tax Policy Institute, and Chair of the ABA Section of Taxation's Value Added Tax Committee, and she currently serves as Vice President of the International Institute of Public Finance.



### **Professor Emily Satterthwaite**

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Emily Satterthwaite focuses her research on tax law and the equity implications of taxpayer behavior and compliance, including gender-related impacts. She uses qualitative, quantitative, and experimental methods to examine how tax statutes and enforcement policies affect individuals “on the ground,” with particular attention to entry-level entrepreneurs and low-income self-employed taxpayers. Her recent work explores topics such as the tax decisions of paid domestic workers, VAT registration thresholds for micro-entrepreneurs, the relationship between legal and tax status choices and business survival, and how audit communications influence post-audit compliance behavior. Her research has been supported by grants from Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the Foundation for Legal Research, among others. She joined Georgetown Law in 2021 from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, where she was a full-time faculty member for seven years. Earlier, she served as Assistant Director of the Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago Law School, supervising students representing low-income entrepreneurs, and practiced tax law as an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York and Chicago.



### **Director Ellis Duncan**

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Ellis Duncan is the Director of the Graduate Tax Program and an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. He oversees all aspects of the program, including academic advising for approximately 250 Tax LL.M. students each year, curriculum development across more than 50 graduate-level tax courses, recruitment and evaluation of adjunct faculty, and review of admissions and scholarship applications. He teaches courses, seminars, and external programs in federal income taxation, corporate taxation, tax research, and tax procedure. Before joining Georgetown, he practiced tax law for nearly a decade at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP in New York, Ropes & Gray LLP in Boston and Washington, D.C., and in the Mergers & Acquisitions tax practice at EY in New York. His practice focused on the taxation of domestic and international mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate and partnership restructurings, financing transactions, financial products, and derivatives.



**Professor Dorothy Brown (pictured) explores how U.S. tax law intersects with race, wealth inequality, and economic mobility, with a focus on reforming inequities embedded in the U.S. tax system**

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# The Curriculum

Georgetown offers one of the most comprehensive tax curricula in the United States, drawing on its location in Washington, D.C. and a faculty of leading scholars and practitioners. With more than 50 courses offered each year, students can build a strong foundation in core tax principles while pursuing advanced, specialized study across every major area of tax law.

## GENERAL TAX PRACTICE

Ethics in Tax Law  
Federal Income Taxation  
Financial Statement Accounting for Tax Consequences  
Income Tax Accounting  
Tax Research and Writing  
Taxation of Digital Assets  
Taxation of Financial Instruments  
Taxation of Property Transactions

## CORPORATE TAXATION

Business Planning Seminar  
Consolidated Returns  
Corporate Income Tax Law I  
Corporate Income Tax Law II  
Corporate Taxation  
Taxation of Bankruptcies and Workouts  
Taxation of Energy Markets  
Taxation of Financial Institutions  
Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions

## INTERNATIONAL TAXATION

Advanced International Taxation  
Comparative Tax Law (Winter-course)  
Digital Taxation Seminar  
EU Tax Law  
Global Indirect Tax: The VAT  
International Business Planning Workshop  
International Tax  
Tax Treaties  
Tax and Development Seminar  
Transfer Pricing  
U.S. Inbound International Taxation  
U.S. Outbound International Taxation

## PASSTHROUGH ENTITIES

Advanced Partnership Taxation  
Drafting Partnership and LLC Agreements  
Private Equity and Hedge Funds: Taxation and Transactions  
S-Corporations and LLCs: Tax and Business Issues  
Taxation of Partnerships

## TAX CONTROVERSY AND PROCEDURE

Criminal Tax Law & Procedure  
International Tax Controversy  
Tax Court Advocacy Workshop  
Tax Practice and Procedure (Administrative Practice)  
Tax Practice and Procedure (Litigation)

## EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Executive Compensation  
Health & Welfare Plans  
Qualified Retirement Plans  
Employee Benefits Practicum  
Survey of Employee Benefits Law  
U.S. Employment Taxes

## ESTATE AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

Advanced Individual Income Tax and Personal Financial Planning  
Advanced Private Wealth Planning Seminar  
Estate & Gift Tax  
Income Taxation of Trusts, Estates, and Beneficiaries  
Special Topics in Transfer Tax

## TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

Nonprofit Organizations  
Special Topics in Exempt Organizations  
Tax Treatment of Charities and Other Nonprofit Organizations

## STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION

Special Topics in State & Local Taxation  
State and Local Taxation

## TAX POLICY

Current Issues in Tax Policy  
Tax Law and Public Finance Workshop  
Tax Policy and Gender Seminar  
Tax Policy Seminar

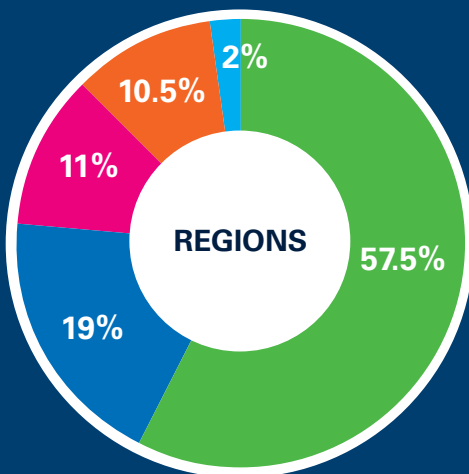
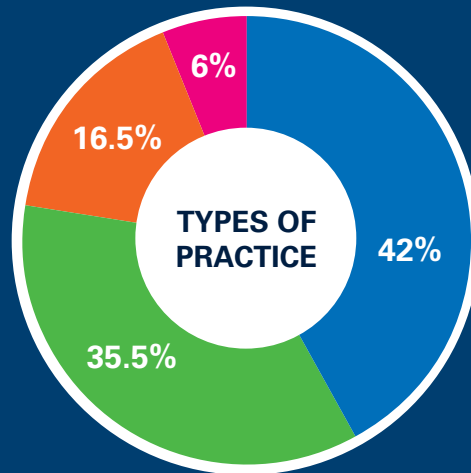
# EMPLOYMENT

Employment for U.S.-Trained Tax LL.M. graduates average 2023-2025

# 95%

Graduates had secured employment by October of their graduating year

- Law Firm
- Accounting Firm
- Government
- Business and Industry



- Mid-Atlantic
- South
- West
- Northeast
- Other

# Tax LL.M. Program

Georgetown Law's Graduate Tax Program is consistently ranked among the top tax programs in the United States, combining world-class faculty, an unmatched breadth of course offerings, and a unique location in Washington, D.C., where federal tax law is created, interpreted, and enforced. The program is designed to prepare students for leadership roles in tax practice, government, and policy.

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## Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation

The LL.M. in Taxation is open to both U.S.-trained lawyers holding a J.D. degree and internationally trained attorneys who earned their first law degree outside the United States. This inclusive structure allows students from a wide range of legal systems and professional backgrounds to study together in a rigorous academic environment.

Students may pursue the degree on campus or online, and may enroll on a full-time or part-time basis. Full-time students typically complete the program in two semesters, while part-time students generally finish in three years, with extensions available on a case-by-case basis. All students receive the same LL.M. in Taxation degree regardless of format.

Georgetown's online LL.M. in Taxation delivers the same curriculum, faculty, and academic rigor as the residential program, with added flexibility for working professionals around the world. Students attend classes and complete coursework remotely while maintaining full access to Georgetown's academic resources and faculty expertise. The program is highly flexible, with minimal formal requirements beyond completion of credit hours and a foundational federal income tax requirement. This allows students to tailor their studies to individual academic interests and professional goals while receiving structured academic advising and career support.

At the core of the curriculum is *Federal Income Taxation*, which serves as the foundation for all advanced coursework. Students who have not previously completed this requirement may satisfy it through an introductory online course, *Foundations of Federal Income Taxation*, prior to matriculation or by enrolling in the course during their first semester, depending on their background. Foreign-trained LL.M. students are required to take *Federal Income Taxation* in their first semester of study, and may enroll concurrently in any other graduate-level courses for which it serves as a prerequisite.

Beyond the core requirement, students may choose from more than 50 graduate-level tax courses spanning virtually every area of tax law. These include corporate taxation, international taxation, partnerships and passthrough entities, tax controversy and procedure, employee benefits, estate and wealth transfer, tax-exempt organizations, state and local tax, and tax policy.

Students may further enhance their studies by pursuing one of several specialized certificates of study, including programs in International Taxation, Estate Planning, and Employee Benefits Law. These certificates allow students to deepen expertise in a focused area while completing their LL.M. coursework and are designed to complement the broader tax curriculum. Students are encouraged to develop a broad-based foundation while also pursuing specialization in areas aligned with their career goals. Georgetown provides individualized academic advising, allowing students to design coherent programs of study and, where appropriate, complete certificates of specialization or targeted course concentrations.



# Admissions

Admission to Georgetown Law's Tax LL.M. program is highly competitive, and the program evaluates applicants through a holistic review rather than numerical cutoffs. While there are no GPA or class rank thresholds, the Admissions Committee seeks candidates who demonstrate strong academic ability and the capacity to succeed in a rigorous graduate-level legal program.

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A key consideration in the review process is a demonstrated interest in tax law. Successful applicants typically show this through prior coursework, professional experience in tax-related roles, internships, clinics, or a well-articulated commitment to pursuing a career in taxation. While professional experience is not required for admission, applicants are encouraged to use their personal statement to convey their interest in tax law, their reasons for pursuing the LL.M., and what they hope to gain from the program.

The program is offered in multiple formats, including full-time on-campus study, part-time study, and an online option. While all formats share the same academic foundation, the online program is generally intended for working professionals who are already employed full-time and unable to relocate, and is not designed as an entry point for students new to tax law. Full-time students are expected to complete their studies on campus.



# Scholarships and Fellowships

All applicants to the LL.M. in Taxation are automatically considered for partial merit-based awards as part of the admissions process. In addition, Georgetown Law offers several competitive scholarships and fellowships for exceptional students, each with distinct focus areas and selection criteria.

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## Graduate Tax Scholars

A small number of full-time LL.M. students are selected annually as Graduate Tax Scholars based on academic excellence and demonstrated interest in tax policy. Scholars receive full or partial tuition support and participate in an enrichment program with leading practitioners and government officials. They complete a substantial tax research paper through a seminar or independent study and are generally expected not to hold outside paid employment during the academic year. Selection is based on the LL.M. application plus a supplemental 500-word essay, with decisions made on a rolling basis beginning in early spring.



**Rafaela Jacoby (pictured), a Tax LL.M. student from Brazil, focused her coursework on international tax, which built the foundation for her current work advising on cross-border structuring, treaty interpretation, and multinational tax planning**

# Careers

The Graduate Tax Program maintains a full-time career and professional development team dedicated exclusively to tax students. This team provides individualized career counseling, resume and cover letter review, mock interviews, employer outreach guidance, and a weekly Newsletter containing job postings. It also organizes panels featuring alumni and practitioners across specialized tax practice areas, helping students navigate both private and public sector career paths.

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## **Employment Outcomes**

Employment outcomes for graduates of Georgetown's Tax LL.M. program are consistently exceptional. For the past 10 years, more than 90% of our U.S.-trained graduates have started full-time positions by October of their graduating year. These outcomes reflect the program's national reputation among employers, its deep connections to the tax policy and practice community in Washington, D.C. and beyond, and the dedicated support of Georgetown's academic and career advising professionals.

## **Externships**

Georgetown's location in the nation's capital provides unmatched access to experiential learning. Students may pursue more than 50 externship opportunities each year with leading government agencies, international organizations, major law firms, accounting firms, and policy institutions. Recent placements include the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Tax Court, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Joint Committee on Taxation, as well as major law firms and Big Four accounting firms. These externships provide academic credit, practical experience, and frequently serve as a direct pathway to post-graduate employment.

## **Taxation Interview Program (TIP)**

Georgetown's flagship recruiting event is the Taxation Interview Program (TIP), co-hosted with New York University. Widely regarded as the premier recruiting program for Tax LL.M. students in the United States, TIP brings together leading national and regional law firms, major accounting firms, corporations, and government agencies for structured interviews early in the spring semester. Participation by leading employers is consistently strong, reflecting the longstanding reputation of Georgetown as one of the most established and highly regarded Tax LL.M. programs in the country.



Mary Beth Muslow (pictured) completed an externship at the United States Tax Court and now clerks there, drafting judicial opinions and learning how judges evaluate complex tax controversies

### **Additional Recruiting Opportunities**

In addition to TIP, employers engage with Georgetown students through on-campus receptions, targeted recruiting events, and postings on the Law Center’s dedicated jobs platform. The Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies regularly participate in both the spring TIP program and Georgetown’s fall Government Interview Program, further strengthening access to public-sector tax careers.

### **Clerkships**

Tax Court clerkships are among the most prestigious early-career opportunities available to tax lawyers, and Georgetown students regularly secure these positions with the United States Tax Court, located directly across from the Law Center. Many Tax Court judges are Georgetown Tax LL.M. alumni or adjunct faculty members, further strengthening the program’s institutional ties. Students interested in clerkships are encouraged to apply early, often before matriculation, with interviews typically conducted in September.



Philip Mammen (left) and Deborah Tarwasokono (right) both completed externships at the U.S. Department of Treasury while attending Georgetown's Tax LL.M. program.

For more information, to request an admissions brochure and application materials, or to apply online, please visit the Law Center's website at [www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions).

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For specific questions about the admissions process, you may contact the Graduate Admissions Office at 202-662-9020 or [lawllmadmis@georgetown.edu](mailto:lawllmadmis@georgetown.edu).

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