

Tax Law General Course Guide

Tax law refers to the laws and regulations that govern the assessment and collection of federal, state, and local taxes, including income taxes, corporate and partnership taxes, transfer taxes, excise taxes, property taxes, and sales taxes. Tax lawyers may specialize in litigation-related work (tax controversies) before state and federal agencies and courts. Tax lawyers also may specialize in transaction work, assisting individual and business clients with tax planning in the context of their personal or business affairs, structuring family wealth transfers, and advising on significant transactions. In addition to required courses, students interested in this area should take as many tax courses as possible and elective courses relevant to tax law.¹

Core Courses:

Federal Income Tax*

Recommended Courses:

Corporate Tax

Estate and Gift Tax

Partnership Tax

State and Local Taxation

Taxation of Nonprofit Organizations

Recommended Experiential/Skills Courses:

Business Drafting

Estate and Trust Administration

Externships

Mediation Advocacy

Negotiation

Related Courses:

Federal Income Tax II

Legislation

Nonprofit Organizations

Tax Policy and Finance

¹ Please consult the course schedule for current course availability. Courses may be offered in alternating years.

* Indicates that this course is a prerequisite to other tax courses. Accordingly, it is strongly recommended that students take it in the 2L year.