



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2020-21

MSc in Taxation

About the course

The MSc in Taxation is offered by the Law Faculty and is taught in association with the Centre for Business Taxation based at the Saïd Business School. It is aimed at both lawyers and non-lawyers, and combines intensive engagement with the detail of relevant case law and statute with broader theoretical and inter-disciplinary perspectives.

Structure, content and assessment

The MSc in Taxation offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of taxation which encompasses perspectives drawn from the fields of law, economics and accounting and aims to provide students with a thorough understanding of policy issues relating to taxation as well as the technical aspects of the subject, and of an understanding of the relationship between the two.

The course is part-time only and undertaken over a period of 24 months. It comprises three compulsory courses - Tax Principles and Policy, Principles of International Taxation, and the Tax Research Round Table – and six electives, typically three per year. Electives will be selected from a list of options which will include courses such as UK Corporate Tax, EU Tax Law, Value Added Tax, Tax and Human Rights, Taxation of Corporate Finance, Transfer Pricing, Tax Treaties, US International Tax and Tax and Public Policy.

The compulsory courses are taught in three one-week residential periods held in Oxford. The first, Tax Principles and Policy, takes place at the start of the programme, typically in September of the first year. The second, Principles of International Taxation, takes place in January of the first year. The third, the Tax Research Round Table, takes place at the start of the second year of the course.

The electives are taught in intensive weekend sessions or in four-day blocks of time spread throughout both years. All teaching takes place in Oxford and attendance is compulsory. The degree features a combination of forms of assessment. Tax Principles and Policy is assessed by way of an exam in Oxford. Principles of International Taxation is assessed by way of two 3,000-word assignments. The Tax Research Round Table course is assessed by way of an extended essay. Elective courses typically are assessed by way of two 3,000 word assignments. A 12,000- word dissertation in lieu of two elective courses is also available, with the permission of a programme director.

Pattern of teaching, learning and supervision

All courses are taught by a combination of lectures and interactive classes. Lectures introduce students to topics and provide a high-level overview of key questions and insights to be considered. Classes serve as a forum for the discussion of key issues and consolidate students' understanding through discussion with the course leaders and their fellow students. Preparation for lectures and classes is directed by detailed reading lists and students are expected to undertake substantial independent reading.

There are opportunities for one-to-one meetings with supervisors but students are also encouraged to form study groups and to participate in discussion groups both face-to-face, during the residential courses, and remotely, through a virtual learning environment and social media, between the residential sessions.

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Law Faculty and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. A supervisor may be found outside the Law Faculty, eg from the Centre for Business Taxation.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.

Expected length of course

Mode of study	Part Time Only
Expected length	24 months

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2020-21

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£14,020
Overseas	£14,020

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Additional cost information

In the first year, you will attend two five-day residentials in Oxford. In the second year, you will attend one five-day residential in Oxford. Students will be required to pay for accommodation and evening meals during the residential, the likely cost of which is expected to be in the range £280 to £480 per residential.

Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

If you are studying part-time your living costs may vary depending on your personal circumstances but you must still ensure that you will have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2020-21 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

	Likely living costs for 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£270	£385	£2,430	£3,465	£3,240	£4,620
Accommodation	£630	£760	£5,670	£6,840	£7,560	£9,120
Personal items	£130	£245	£1,170	£2,205	£1,560	£2,940
Social activities	£45	£110	£405	£990	£540	£1,320
Study costs	£40	£95	£360	£855	£480	£1,140
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495	£240	£660
Total	£1,135	£1,650	£10,215	£14,850	£13,620	£19,800

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2020-21, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.