

TAXATION GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Person-in-Charge	Henock Louis
Program Code	TAX
Campus(es)	World Campus

The Graduate Certificate in Taxation is a 9-credit program designed to be an engaging, practical, and comprehensive program that provides students with a working understanding of tax laws and regulations. With course work covering topics on Research and Analysis, Corporate Taxes, Pass-Through Taxes, International Taxes, State and Local Taxes, and Ethical Responsibilities, the Taxation Graduate Certificate provides a solid foundation of skills needed for leadership positions and career advancement.

Course content focuses on: the ability to think strategically about tax issues and challenges, development of effective strategies for organizational performance and success, the ethical and societal implications of tax decisions, as well as an exploration of unique approaches to strategic planning.

Effective Semester: Fall 2021
Expiration Semester: Fall 2026

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Other admissions requirements include:

- **Application** – Complete a Graduate School application (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>) for graduate study including nonrefundable application fee.
- **Statement of Purpose** – Submit a statement describing how professional experience and goals align with the certificate.
- **Vita or resume** – Submit a statement outlining professional experience history.

GRE or GMAT test scores are NOT required.

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Students will choose 9 credits from the following courses:		9
ACCTG 812	TAXATION	

ACCTG 522	Corporate Taxation and Financial Reporting
ACCTG 823	Taxation of Pass-Through Entities
ACCTG 826	International Taxation
ACCTG 827	State and Local Taxation

Total Credits 9

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental topics, theories, concepts, and frameworks in tax
- Understand how to formulate, implement, and evaluate tax strategies
- Demonstrate the ability to competently analyze and explain tax laws
- Understand tax research concepts and methodologies
- Understand the ethical constructs that apply to the practice of taxation and why they are necessary

Contact

Campus	World Campus
Graduate Program Head	Henock Louis
Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) or Professor-in-Charge (PIC)	Lawrence Friedken
Program Contact	Michelle Kristen Rockower mkk114@psu.edu (814) 865-5290
Program Website	View (https://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates/penn-state-online-taxation-certificate/overview/)