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:

- **Grade Point Average (GPA)** – Applicants are expected to have maintained a junior-senior (3rd and 4th years) GPA of at least a 3.00 based on a grading scale of A (4.00) to D (1.00).
- **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.

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/).

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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

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