

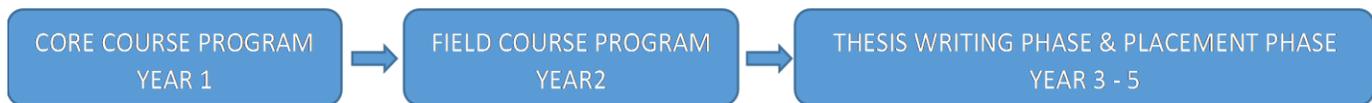
ABOUT THE GESS AND THE CDSB-TAXATION PROGRAM:

The GESS (Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences), a central research institution of the University of Mannheim, integrates the disciplines of business, economics and the social sciences into a coherent curriculum, making it one of the few graduate schools worldwide that foster the exchange of ideas, methods and research-approaches across the boundaries of the economic and social sciences. Within the Center for Doctoral Studies in Business (CDSB) at GESS PhD students have the chance to specialize in the field of taxation. In particular the **taxation program** is designed to prepare researchers for an academic career at leading international universities and research institutions: to achieve this not only it **offers an excellent and stimulating research environment** featuring internationally renowned faculty members who are all experts in their respective research fields but also provides a **diversified course catalogue** with a special emphasis on demanding quantitative methods and providing core insights in the current research frontier of taxation.

"Mannheim is a leading research place for economics and social sciences. Especially the interdisciplinary field of taxation is fostered here at an excellent level..." Thomas, Austrian PhD Student, 2014

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

The PhD program in taxation is taught and administered in English. The first semester courses provide the students with a **fundamental knowledge of the relevant mathematical, econometric and microeconomic principles**. During the second semester, students are introduced to the **core insights and the current research frontier in the field of tax**. Students develop their particular strengths and interests by means of elective courses, workshops and seminars which enable them to elaborate their PhD thesis proposal, due at the end of the first year.



After the first year the coursework then gradually phases out and students have the possibility to **start working at the University of Mannheim or at the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)**. Moreover graduate students will work closely with researchers affiliated to the **ScienceCampus MannheimTax (MaTax)** a joint initiative of the University of Mannheim and ZEW which brings together researchers from economics, law, business administration and political science and serves as a platform for the scientific community and policy-makers to discuss and disseminate research results on tax.

"The close cooperation with ZEW provides a great working environment and a valuable basis for getting in touch with other researchers from a large field of disciplines..." Verena, German PhD student, 2015

FACULTY AND FIELD OF SPECIALISATION IN TAX:

Research and Teaching at the highest international level, consistent quality management, international focus and distinctive practical orientation constitute the focal points of the "Mannheim Philosophy." The taxation faculty at the GESS is **one of the largest and most renowned taxation faculty in Europe**: its members include Ulrich Schreiber (holds the Chair of Chair of Business Administration and Taxation at the University of Mannheim), Christoph Spengel (holds the Chair of Business Administration and Taxation II at the University of Mannheim) and Johannes Voget (holds the Chair of Taxation and Finance at the University of Mannheim). Students at CDSB-Tax have the possibility to conduct research in the field of **company taxation, public finance, innovation taxation, taxation of the financial sector, tax harmonization in the European Union, international and European tax law, tax competition, behavioral responses to taxation and tax incidence.**

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The admission's prerequisite is a master's degree or a 4-year bachelor's degree in the respective field.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

- Studying at the GESS is free of any tuition fees
- Once admitted a **14 months tax-free scholarship of 1.200 €/monthly is guaranteed**
- Further financial support depends on the positive evaluation of the research proposal, may be through regular research position within Matax team or a scholarship extension

WHAT MAKES THE CDSB-TAX PROGRAM SPECIAL:

- **Excellent research environment** in the field of taxation
- MATAX Campus Initiative
- **Guaranteed financial support for the first 14 months**
- Double supervision (program mentor and respective phd supervisor)
- The first **structured doctoral program** in the field of taxation in Germany.

"I chose the GESS program due to all the opportunities available within this program, which are not limited to extensive course offers and interesting seminars but include also a stimulating network of international researchers.."
Elisa, Italian PhD student, 2016



<http://gess.uni-mannheim.de/doctoral-programs/business-cdsb/phd-programs/taxation.html>